

Congress Speech Outline

- Introduction (15-30 sec.)
 - Attention Ladies and gentlemen, the motion that's for discussion today is '.....'
 - Purpose ("I stand in affirmation/negation on the bill/resolution...")
 - Preview ("for the following reasons")
- Body (2 Minutes)
 - Clash!
 - State issues on the floor
 - State points in conflict
 - Prove your point with evidence including the source and date of publication, add the credentials of the source
 - Logic- explain why this evidence reinforces your point and your side
 - Tell the assembly the impact of your point and how it should affect their vote
 - Present a Challenge to the Opposition.
- Conclusion (30 sec.)
 - Summarize key points of clash.
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 - Come full circle.
- Open yourself to questions. ("I now yield my time to the chair.")

Congress Speech Template

[Attention getter] Fellow senators, I [rise to the affirmative/stand in negation] of this [bill/resolution] [because of/for] the following three contentions: First shall be that, [contention #1] Second shall be that, [contention #2] And finally, [contention #3] [First, let me talk about/I will start off by saying that] [contention #1]. [reason, citations] Also, I [rise to the affirmative/stand in negation] of this legislature because [reason, citations]. Finally, this [can/cannot] work because [reason, citations]. So, in conclusion I urge your [affirmation/negation] of this [bill/resolution] because [summary contention #1, #2] and because [summary contention #3] because, as stated, [restate contentions #1, #2, and #3]. I now yield my time to the chair.

Sample Speech

“Thank you Mr. Speaker. A family remains homeless today, living inside their car since the financial crash of 2008 put their house in foreclosure. Fellow Congressmen, I rise to the affirmative of this bill to regulate the banking industry for the three following provisions.

Firstly, I rise to the affirmative in Section 2 paragraph 5 which provides a 20% increase on the minimum reserve requirement on all investment banks. This will ensure a better cash safety margin and prevent the risk of leveraging which sent the industry into a tailspin in the first weeks of the crisis... (bla bla bla)

Secondly, I rise to the affirmative in Section 6 paragraph 3 which increases the number of employees in the Securities and Exchange Commission to no less than 100. Over the past 25 years, the S.E.C. has diminished by 85%. We must improve the SEC regulation of banks and this will satisfy this...(bla bla bla)

Finally, I stand in affirmation of Section 1 paragraph 4 which allows the trading of derivatives to continue with additional regulations. The complex calculations of derivatives made it impossible to estimate true market value and it made markets more volatile. I encourage this provision to restrict derivatives to no more than 20% of total portfolio value.

I commend Congressman X, Y, and Z for their unfaltering commitment to this bill and protecting Main Street America from economic demise.

So, in conclusion, I urge all of congress to join me in affirming this bill because it increases the minimum required reserve, it reforms the S.E.C. and it regulates derivatives. I yield my time to the floor.”