

## CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE SPEAKER BALLOT

Chamber \_\_\_\_\_ Session \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions to Scorer:** Please award each speaker a score of 1 to 6 (with 1 being low and 6 being high) for each speech. Use one ballot per Congress member per session. Please consider (and comment upon) each of the following matters when assessing the competitor's overall score each speech.

**Delivery** – Consider all aspects of delivery, including rate of speech, volume, tone, inflection, bodily movement, etc.

**Quality of Argumentation** – Does the speech advance debate? Or, does it merely rehash old points?

**Organization & Unity of Speech** – Does it ramble? Does it develop?

**Evidence & Logical Basis for Statements** – Breadth of knowledge on subject; use of published evidence; reasoning skills. **Speakers who do not provide evidence should rarely receive a score higher than a "3".**

**Cross Examination** – Does the speaker's response to cross-examination advance his/her position?

In addition to the numerical score evaluation, you should make as many written comments as possible. You are encouraged to make additional comments regarding the competitor's scored speech and you may also make general comments regarding non-scored speeches, questioning, and general congress demeanor on the back of this ballot. However, please make sure that you complete all of the requested information.

**OVERALL IMPACT & IMPRESSION TOTAL POINT AWARD**

(1-6 SCALE):

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