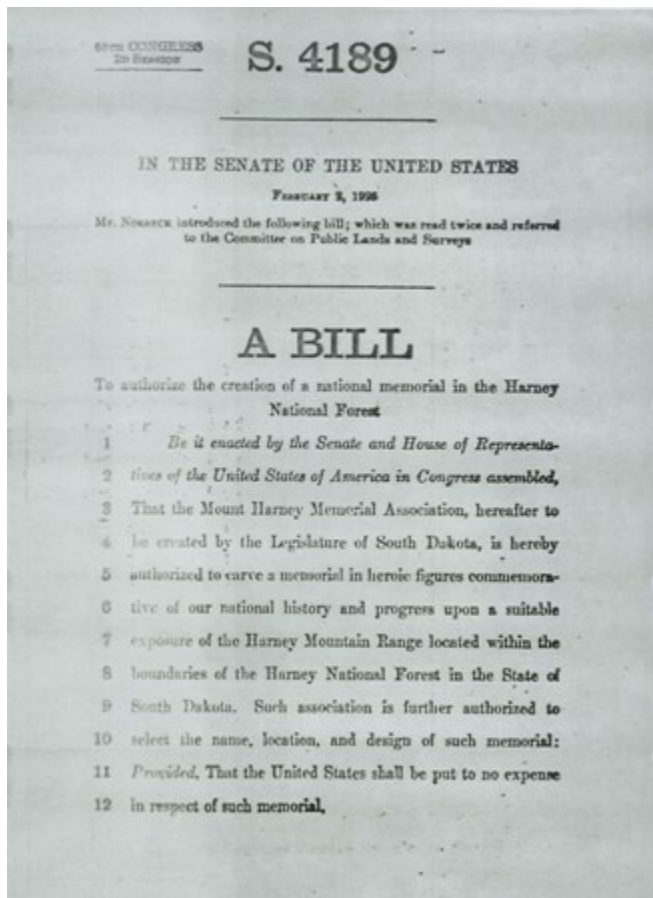


Major Bill Drafting Assignment



This assignment asks you to propose an original bill on an important national policy issue. No legislative idea is completely original. However, this assignment asks that you develop your own ideas on a topic. Ideally you will start with a problem that concerns you, and develop legislation in response to that problem. Your thinking can be influenced by proposals seen elsewhere (e.g. in actual legislation). But you may not plagiarize. If you are uncertain about what this means, please consult with your instructor!

The following resources provide additional information about types of congressional legislation, how to research legislative issues, and what a bill should contain. A sample bill can also be found under 'instruction' on the LegSim website.

[Bills versus Resolutions](#)
[Sources of Legislative Proposals](#)
[Introducing a Bill or Resolution](#)

[Legislative Research: A Primer](#)
[Tracking Current Legislation](#)

Your response must be in essay form. Consult the [rubric](#) if you are curious about what a good essay assignment contains.

Problem and Purpose

1. Describe the problem that your bill seeks to address.
2. How does your bill address this problem?

Role of government

3. Why is this an appropriate activity for the federal government?

Costs and benefits

4. How much do you estimate your proposal will cost annually? How did you arrive at this estimate?
5. Why did you decide to sponsor this bill?
6. Who will be most adversely affected? How will they be affected?
7. Who will be the primary beneficiaries? How will they benefit?
8. What other consequences will your bill have that are not central to your original intent?

Specifics of the Legislation

11. Copy and paste the bill that you have submitted to LegSim at the bottom of this assignment.
12. Cite the most valuable sources you used to learn about your subject and to draft your legislation.

