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State Legislation Conference AA

Legislation for Prelims and Finals are designated, but each chamber will set the order of its docket.

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A Bill to re-purpose all vacant government buildings as residences for the homeless

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any federal building which has been decommissioned from active use
3 shall be ceded to state authorities and retrofitted for utilization as self-
4 contained apartments for qualified homeless individuals and their
5 families.

6 **SECTION 2.** Qualification for residency shall be determined by length of time without
7 a permanent residence; lack of reliable income; and availability of
8 resources.

9 **SECTION 3.** This shall be carried about by a combination of federal and state officials.
10 **A.** Such as the housing and urban development department or its
11 equivalent.

12 **SECTION 4.** This will be an ongoing project. Any government building currently
13 vacant will be transformed immediately, and any buildings which become
14 vacant will be transferred and transformed as they become available.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Expand Access to Mental Health Care for the Low Socio-Economic American Citizens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will hereby mandate that all states
3 follow the federal default for state essential health benefits in order to
4 eliminate state bias for the mentally ill.

5 **SECTION 2.** Mentally ill - a term that describes the disorder of the mind that could be
6 of emotional or physical origin.

7 **SECTION 3.** The government agency responsible for the enforcement of this bill is the
8 United States Department of Health and Human Services. It will oversee
9 the project and will monitor that the states are following the federal
10 default.

11 **SECTION 4.** The following bill will be implemented and criteria will be met by
12 August 1, 2015.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Protect Pets involved in Crimes related to Domestic Violence and Stalking.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall protect the pets of victims of
3 domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

4 **SECTION 2.** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM DEFINED - The term 'domestic violence
5 victim' means a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
6 assault, or stalking. PET DEFINED - The term 'pet' means a domesticated
7 animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish, turtle, horse, or other animal
8 that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.'

9 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture, acting in consultation with the Director of
10 the Violence Against Women Office of the Department of Justice, the
11 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the Secretary of
12 Health and Human Services, shall award grants to eligible entities to carry
13 out programs to provide the assistance with respect to victims of
14 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and the
15 pets of such victims.

16 **SECTION 4.** There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
17 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Resolution to Legalize Random Drug Testing for All High School Students to Impair the Circulation of Illicit Substances in Schools

1 **WHEREAS,** there has been a steady increase of the use of illicit substances in the
2 student population (according to the National Institute of Drug
3 Abuse); and

4 **WHEREAS,** accessibility to these substances has no direct correlation to extra-
5 curricular involvement; and

6 **WHEREAS,** while illicit substance abuse can be highly dangerous in sports and
7 other activities, they can cause just as many detriments to students'
8 health and learning environment even in the absence of these extra-
9 curricular activities (according to the National Institute of Drug
10 Abuse); and

11 **WHEREAS,** if random drug testing was available to the entire student population,
12 it could serve as a more effective deterrent; and

13 **WHEREAS,** if this deterrent is acknowledged, then it could impair the circulation
14 of drugs throughout the school entirely, and greatly reduce
15 accessibility of illegal substances for students; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
17 recommendation for solution to legalize random drug testing for all
18 high school students.



A Resolution to Ban the Use of Private Prisons to Prevent Human Rights Abuses

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Private prisons are notorious for cutting corners to reduce costs, causing
2 severe downgrades in quality of life for prisoners; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Prisoners at private prisons are frequently subject to dramatically worse
4 conditions than those in government run federal prisons; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Texas is home to some of the largest private prisons in the nation; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Private prisons are known to have pervasive overcrowding, squalid
7 conditions, insufficient medical care, and overuse of isolation units; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** Private prisons have little incentive to promote rehabilitation; therefore,
9 so be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled ban the use of private prisons; and
11 be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all private prisons that have violated federal and state laws
13 will be prosecuted accordingly.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect the Right of Writs of Habeas Corpus

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** The right of Writs of Habeas Corpus is one of the few rights given to the
3 people in the main text of the Constitution; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Measures to suspend this right on a national scale have been taken
5 six times since the US's founding; and

6 **WHEREAS,** At least two of these measures have been found to be unconstitutional;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS,** The right is currently not granted to non-citizens living in the United
9 States that would otherwise be subject to United States law; now
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following
12 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
13 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
14 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
15 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
16 Congress:

ARTICLE --

18 **SECTION 1:** No person in the United States shall be denied the right of Writs of
19 Habeas Corpus, and neither State nor Congress shall make any law with
20 intent to abridge this right.

21 **SECTION 2:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
22 legislation.



A Bill Regarding Campaign Finance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Be it enacted by this congress here assembled that we hereby
3 eliminate and disband all Super PACS and/or outside groups supporting
4 congressional and presidential campaigns.

5 **SECTION 2.** Campaign contributions will be limited to a total of \$50,000 per
6 candidate, per campaign. This includes individual contributions, local and
7 national party contributions as any other contributing entities.

8 **SECTION 3.** created for the purpose of advocating or assisting a candidate in
9 an election.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into full implementation immediately and
11 be implemented for the 2016 Presidential election.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Resolution to Lower Mercury Emissions given off by Coal-Fired Power Plants

- WHEREAS,** Coal-fired power plants are releasing large quantities of Mercury into the environment,
- WHEREAS,** The pollutants contaminate thousands of acres of land and water; and
- WHEREAS,** Texas has become the number one state in the nation for contributing to the Mercury pollution crisis that increases each year; and
- WHEREAS,** The human and wildlife population is being affected by the Mercury in ways that slow growth, cause birth defects, and in some cases cause death; and
- WHEREAS,** Each year thousands of pounds of Mercury are released into the air and comes down as acid rain that contaminates plants and bodies of water; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled lower Mercury emissions by creating mandatory filter alterations in coal-fired power plants.



A Bill to repeal No Child Left Behind Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** the “No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act” is to be repealed

3 **SECTION 2.** Each state’s State Education Agency (SEA) will oversee the enforcement
4 of the bill.

5 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will be one year following the above listed action.

6 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States embargo against the nation of Cuba will be completely
3 and fully abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Cuban Embargo, a restriction on international trade between the
5 United States and Cuba since February 7th 1962.

6 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will declare an end to the United States embargo
7 against Cuba, allowing trade to resume.

8 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect July 1st, 2016.

9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to De-Militarize the Merida Initiative to Focus on the Social Issues in Latin America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will stop funding the military section of the Merida
3 Initiative in order to turn its attention to the troubling social issues in
4 Latin America.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Merida Initiative will direct its funding towards solving issues such as
6 human rights, rural developmental aid, public health, poverty, and
7 disaster assistance.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State of Western Hemisphere Affairs will be
9 responsible for the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 01, 2015.

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Resolution to End the use of the Hydraulic Fracturing Process for the Protection of the Environment

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Hydraulic Fracturing causes great loss in ecological resources.
- 2 **WHEREAS,** This process damages fertile land while wasting thousands of gallons of
3 water in the process.
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The water used in this process becomes unusable and turns the land
5 around it into an unfertile sacrifice zone.
- 6 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled end the use of hydraulic
7 fracturing.



A Bill to Fight Methamphetamine

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A prescription shall be required to obtain all medicines containing
3 pseudoephedrine and ephedrine, the main ingredients used to make
4 methamphetamine.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall allot an additional \$2 billion over the next 5 years
6 to fight methamphetamine.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration shall oversee the spending of the
8 money as well as all other issues concerning methamphetamine.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Resolution to Lower the Legal Drinking Age to the Legal Age of Adulthood

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In the United States, 18 year olds cannot legally buy or consume alcohol;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 18 year old US citizens are treated as adults in most areas of their lives
4 where they are allowed to vote, enlist in the military, sign binding
5 contracts, and buy and consume tobacco products yet are not allowed to
6 buy or consume alcohol; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** States are currently losing taxes from the prohibited sale to citizens ages
8 18, 19 and 20; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The money states could capture from allowing 18, 19 and 20 year old
10 citizens to purchase alcohol could fund state expenses; now, therefore,
11 be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make a resolution to recommend
13 that the United States change the legal age to consume and purchase
14 alcohol from 21 to 18.



A Bill to Require All Law Enforcement Officers to Wear Body Cameras in the Line of Duty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Law Enforcement Officers while in the line of duty shall be required to
3 wear Axon (or comparable) Body Camera Devices with both audio and
4 video capabilities.

5 **SECTION 2.** Body Camera Devices are defined as body camera/devices that use both
6 sight and sound, in the form of video, to record speech and movement.

7 **SECTION 3.** There have been an increasing number of questionable incidents in the
8 United States involving Law Enforcement Officers and charges of police
9 brutality, racial profiling, as well as charges of wrongful shootings and
10 death.

11 A. An audio/video recording would provide the “real time” accounting of
12 each incidence.

13 B. An audio/video recording would provide facts that are sometime
14 missed, overlooked, or hidden in an on-going investigation.

15 C. All rules/regulations for the use/handling of the Audio/Video devices
16 will be regulated and supervised by the US Department of Justice.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law would go into effect 6 months after passage with funding
18 appropriated by and under the direct authorization of the US Department
19 of Justice.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Limit Executive Power by Amending the War Powers Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States will be required to seek Congressional
3 authorization prior to any use of military force.

4 **SECTION 2.** Use of military force is defined as any aggressive or coercive action taken
5 by United States Armed Forces, including, but not limited to: air strikes,
6 use of drones and/or deployment of ground forces.

7 **SECTION 3.** If Congress fails to give authorization, no military action will be taken.

8 Violation of the act may result in Articles of Impeachment being filed.

9 A. The President of the United States will no longer be allowed to pursue
10 up to 60 days of unauthorized military action under an amendment to
11 the War Powers Act of 1973.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 5, 2015.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Permit Same-Sex Couples to Adopt Children within the States that Have Legalized Same-Sex Marriage.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any legally married, same-sex couple should have the option to adopt
3 any child within the states that recognize same-sex marriage following a
4 thorough background check.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any person under the age of 18 is considered a child. States that
6 currently legalize same-sex marriage are California, Connecticut,
7 Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts,
8 Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York,
9 Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington and
10 Washington, D.C. Background checks recognize any criminal history.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee this enactment.

12 A. Each individual state shall recognize both partners as legal guardians
13 to the child.

14 B. Additionally, should a new state recognize same-sex marriage as
15 legal, that state should be added to this bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within 6 months of passage.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Resolution To Encourage a Vote On The U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** current international law does little to regulate seawater pollution caused by
2 human actions, which has, in recent years, becoming an increasingly pressing
3 environmental issue; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the ratification of such a piece of legislation would likely encourage the further
5 investigation of deep sea resources internationally that would among other
6 things, benefit the U.S and its Allies economically and;
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the current escalation of the South China Sea conflict between China and Japan
8 has become increasingly harmful to United States interest in the region; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the ratification of UNCLOS would determine a twelve mile territorial sea limit
10 and a two hundred mile economic sea limit that would help to set maritime
11 borders between countries and would likely help to deescalate the
12 aforementioned conflict; and
- 13 **Whereas,** the United states should not become directly involved in the South China Sea,
14 rather set an example, and encourage peace in the region with the ratification
15 of UNCLOS ; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** the United States should work to protect civilian and military freedom of
17 navigation; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** that this assembled UIL congress strongly encourage a timely vote on the U.N
19 Convention on the Law of the Sea in order to prevent further escalation of the
20 South China Sea conflict and in order to reduce maritime pollution.



A Resolution to Grant NASA's Funding Requests

- 1 **WHEREAS,** NASA as it is today is severely underfunded, particularly due to recent
2 budget cuts; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Since 1990 NASA's budget has steadily decreased as a percentage of US
4 national expenditures, falling from over 1% to less than 0.55 of the
5 national budget, thus reflective of American political focus; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Space is becoming an increasingly pivotal tool of foreign policy in which
7 the United States is falling behind and is surpassed in by many other
8 nations; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** It is potentially devastating and harmful for the United states to lose this
10 position as it is through this that it is allowed and enabled to maintain a
11 further degree of hegemony and global influence; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
13 to encourage spending and research by NASA and for funding requests
14 from NASA shall henceforth be more frequently approved; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That no grant shall exceed the estimated cost of \$30 billion.



A Resolution to Ban Medical Malpractice Suits

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Doctors must pay thousands of dollars toward insurance fees which are
2 forced to be passed down to patients; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Millions of people cannot afford health-care due to skyrocketing prices;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Many tests, procedures, referrals, consultations, and hospitalizations are
6 ordered just to avoid lawsuits, raising health-care to at least \$200 billion
7 nationally; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The number of Americans who die because of the lack of health-care
9 continues to grow despite easing of obstacles to decrease health-care by
10 lifting medical malpractice suits; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress assembled ban the use of medical malpractice suits in
12 the United States.