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## **A Bill to Sell NASA and its Assets to Create Private Sector Competition in Space Aeronautics**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** NASA and its assets shall be sold to the highest bidder upon satisfactory  
3 agreement to federal oversight as stipulated by both parties in contracts

4 **SECTION 2.** “Assets” being defined as the program personnel and property that has  
5 been used under the NASA program with the exception of the facilities at  
6 Cape Canaveral and the Houston Control Center, both of which will be  
7 kept as National Monuments and museums for future generations.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Defense shall oversee the sale and maintain  
9 oversight of the program goals.

10 **SECTION 4.** The sale of NASA and its assets shall commence no later than May of  
11 2018.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 3.*



## A Bill to Assist Citizens with the Cost of Adoption in the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement a government-funded financial aid program in  
3 order to assist with attorney fees and medical expenses incurred during  
4 domestic adoption:

5 A. This program will process financial aid applications and secure assistance for  
6 adoptive families within the United States.

7 B. Grant or loan assistance will be determined based on income and financial  
8 need of adoptive family.

9 C. The program is designed to help families adopting from private care agencies  
10 rather than public care agencies.

11 **SECTION 2.** A private care agency refers to an agency in which all adoption costs are covered  
12 by the adoptive families. A public care agency refers to adoption through the  
13 foster care system.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and Children's Bureau will  
15 oversee the implementation of this program.

16 **SECTION 4.** The program will take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.*

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## A Bill to Open Trade & Travel with Cuba

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill repeals or amends all embargo legislation towards Cuba including  
3 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992,  
4 the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996, and the Trade  
5 Sanctions Reform & Export Enhancement Act of 2000.

6 **SECTION 2.** An *embargo* is defined as an official ban on trade or other commercial  
7 activity with a particular country.

8 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will be responsible for implementing any policy  
9 changes.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect February 7th, 2018.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.*



## A Bill to Abolish Affirmative Action

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Affirmative Action policies will no longer be in force.

3 **SECTION 2.** Affirmative Action policies are those which institutions and organizations  
4 across the United States use to improve opportunities for minority and  
5 excluded groups. These mainly are used within business and  
6 colleges/universities.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the Fair Employment  
8 Practice Agencies will oversee the enforcement of this bill and make sure  
9 all affirmative action programs are removed from all businesses and  
10 universities.

11 **SECTION 4.** If passed, the removal of Affirmative Action policies will be immediate.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.*



## A Resolution to Require Federal Prisoners be Paid Comparable Wages to Free Citizens

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Federal prisoners should receive the same wage as non-prisoners  
2 working in the same industry; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Prisoners are not considered employees nor are they protected by the  
4 Fair Labor Standards Act or the National Labor Relations Act; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Wages for prisoners range between \$.12 and \$.40 per hour and in some  
6 states such as Texas and Georgia, prisoners receive no wages at all; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** In 37 states private companies can legally contract prison labor with no  
8 requirements of payment to the prisoners; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment bans not only slavery but also involuntary  
10 servitude; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Servitude is not utilized as a punishment in United States federal courts;  
12 now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled propose federal prisoners receive  
14 equivalent wage to non-prisoners in the same industry; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That federal prisoners may not be utilized as a free labor force for  
16 private industries.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.*



## **A Bill to Automatically Allow Parents of Legal Citizens to be Endowed with Asylum until Citizenship**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals of all genders and immigration statuses will be granted asylum  
3 provided they are natural parents of a child granted birthright citizenship.  
4 Asylum will be granted no more than eight years. Immigrants who don't  
5 obtain citizenship after eight years will have their asylum revoked. All  
6 birthright children's parents who are living within United States' borders  
7 by January 1, 2018 will be eligible.

8 **SECTION 2.** Birthright citizenship is defined as the legal right to citizenship for all  
9 children born in a country's territory, regardless of parentage. Asylum is  
10 defined as the protection granted from deportation.

11 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall appoint the Department of Homeland Security to oversee  
12 and implement this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.*



## A Bill to Recognize Taiwan as Its Own Independent Entity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will void the One-China Policy to officially  
3 recognize Taiwan as a sovereign nation to attempt to gain another ally in  
4 the Asian-Pacific. This will also help create conditions for negotiations  
5 and facilitating peace in the Asian-Pacific.

6 **SECTION 2.** The One-China Policy is defined as the view that there is only one  
7 “China,” despite both China and Taiwan claiming that title. The policy also  
8 recognizes that only one China is on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and  
9 Taiwan is part of China.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill and will  
11 re-establish the US Embassy in Taipei, Taiwan.

12 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect immediately.

13 **SECTION 5.** The One-China Policy and all laws in conflict with this legislation are  
14 hereby declared null and void.





## A Bill to Mandate and Fund Mental Health Care Providers Inside Homeless Shelters

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to employ trained mental health professionals to help mentally  
3 ill homeless persons in the United States, the federal government shall  
4 set a tax of seven cents for vending machine items, and that those  
5 monies raised in this tax be donated to local homeless shelters by the  
6 vender to hire required mental health professionals.

7 **SECTION 2.** A mental health professional is to be defined as health care practitioner  
8 or community services provider who offers services for the purpose of  
9 improving an individual's mental health or to treat mental disorders.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Food and Drug Administration  
11 (FDA) will be responsible for enforcing this bill by collecting the monies  
12 and ensuring that the monies are appropriated to the local homeless  
13 shelters.

14 A. The FDA will conduct random searches of vender logs to ensure  
15 that the monies have been appropriated.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year of 2020.

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



## A Bill to Legalize the Reprocessing of Nuclear Waste to Increase Profit from Nuclear Power

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

2 **SECTION 1.** That a plant be able to reprocess any nuclear waste in order to salvage any  
3 fissionable materials for fuel. This process is shown to work in other countries  
4 that have developed a reliability on nuclear energy such as France which has  
5 greatly increased the profitability of nuclear energy by the opening of their  
6 reprocessing plants. These plants serve as recycling centers for spent nuclear  
7 fuel rods and would use chemical processes to extract the fissionable materials  
8 from the waste and have it reused. The fact that there is a ban on this practice is  
9 greatly handicapping the potential for the United States nuclear energy  
10 program.

11 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear waste: A radioactive waste material that can still contain material  
12 useable in nuclear power plants.

13 Reprocessing: the processes used to separate spent nuclear reactor fuel into  
14 nuclear materials that may be recycled for use in new fuel and material that  
15 would be discarded as waste.

16 Fissionable materials: Any radioactive materials that can be used in the act of  
17 fission that mostly consist of Uranium-235 and Plutonium-239 for fuel in nuclear  
18 reactors.

19 Spent nuclear fuel rods: The containers of nuclear fuel that can no longer be  
20 used in a reactor efficiently because of the lack of fuel but which often contain  
21 salvageable amounts of unused nuclear fuels.

22 **SECTION 3.** The Nuclear Regulatory Committee and the Department of Energy would  
23 oversee the enforcement of this bill by allowing the construction and use of  
24 plants whose main purpose would be the reprocessing of nuclear waste.

25 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

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



## **A Resolution to Mandate the Federal Communication Commission to Reinforce and Revise the Code of Ethics in Media**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States media is under scrutiny; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** A variety of people are accusing the media of bias and sensationalism.
- 3 America's trust in the mass media to report truthful and factual, unbiased
- 4 news reached its lowest this year with only 32% of Americans trusting the
- 5 media; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Technology, policy, plain errors, and business decisions continue to lead
- 7 news consumers to ideological corners in which their trust in media is
- 8 biased; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Professional news outlets should fulfill journalism's pledge and adhere to
- 10 five basic sources as articulated in the Code of Social Responsibility for
- 11 press in the Hutchins Commission; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled value true, factual and unbiased
- 13 news and see to it that the FCC revise and reinforce the Code of Ethics in
- 14 Media.



## A Bill to Abolish the Electoral College

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall completely abolish the  
3 Electoral College and leave the presidential election up to the popular  
4 vote.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States Electoral College is inherently flawed and distorts the  
6 perception of true democracy. The Electoral College has three times  
7 elected presidents who lost the popular vote and does not allow the  
8 voice of the people to be heard.

9 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be implemented through normal means.

10 A. Upon complete abolishment of the Electoral College, all future  
11 presidents and vice presidents will be elected via popular vote by U.S.  
12 citizens.

13 B. All other forms of voter eligibility will remain up to the law of  
14 individual states.

15 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect immediately following passage and will be  
16 implemented in the next election.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.*



## A Bill to Stop the Sale of Weaponry to Saudi Arabia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The government will ban the sale of weaponry to the nation of Saudi  
3 Arabia. All public and private weapon sales will be banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** Weaponry is defined as the machines and tools which are used as for  
5 wartime activities that contribute to violence.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will monitor all weapon sales by the United  
7 States to any foreign body to ensure the nation of Saudi Arabia does not  
8 receive any of these weapons.

9 **SECTION 4.** This act will go into effect thirty (30) days after the adjournment of this  
10 legislature.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.*



## **A Bill to Amend The Fair Housing Act Section 804 sections (a)- (f) to Include Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Amend The Fair Housing Act Section 804 sections (a) - (f) replacing “race, color,  
2 religion, sex, familial status, or national origin” with “race, color, religion, sex,  
3 sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, or national origin.”
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Sexual orientation is defined as, an enduring pattern of romantic or sexual  
5 attraction to persons of the opposite sex or gender, the same sex or gender, or  
6 to both sexes or more than one gender.
- 7 Gender identity is defined as an innermost concept of self as male, female, a  
8 blend of both or neither, and it can differ from assigned sex at birth.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will enforce this bill.
- 10 A. Any realtor that fails to comply will be fined up to ten-thousand dollars per  
11 violation and a revocation of the Real Estate Brokerage Manager  
12 certification.
- 13 B. Any individual or family that fails to comply will be fined up to five-thousand  
14 dollars per violation.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in June of 2018.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 11.*



## A Bill to Raise the National Minimum Wage to Close the Growing Wealth Gap

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall raise the National Minimum wage to \$10.75  
3 dollars per hour.

4 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labour will oversee this process.

5 **SECTION 4.** This will be enacted and put into place by December 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.*



## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood**

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

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

8 **Amendment XIV**

9 **SECTION 1:**

- 10 A. Amendment XIV of the constitution will be modified to abolish corporate  
11 personhood.
- 12 B. Corporations will no longer be allowed to finance campaigns by acting as  
13 individuals.
- 14 C. Corporations can no longer circumvent laws to exercise religious ideologies  
15 under corporate personhood.
- 16 D. Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010), Burwell v. Hobby Lobby  
17 (2014), and other supreme court rulings in direct conflict with this amendment  
18 will be overturned.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.*





## **A Bill to Reform Deferred Action for Child Arrivals and Provide Amnesty to Immigrant Children**

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

2 SECTION 1. The DACA will reform and provide complete amnesty to children ten  
3 years of age and/or BELOW.

4 SECTION 2. Children over the age of five will not have the need to “earn” a place in  
5 the United States, if brought with parents depending on the situation(s) if  
6 not have any criminal record will be granted amnesty as WELL.

7 SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security, through Immigration and  
8 Customs Enforcement, shall have the authority to enforce this legislation  
9 and to prosecute any violation of this law. If any entity other than the  
10 Department of Homeland Security prosecutes individuals for immigration  
11 violations, the Department will immediately take over the investigation  
12 and protect the individual until such violations are found. No person(s)  
13 under the age of eighteen shall be deported against their will. Such  
14 persons shall be placed in protective custody of the State in which they  
15 reside.

16 SECTION 4. This law shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.*



## **A Resolution to Withdraw all Non-Essential Military Personnel in Afghanistan**

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States military is operating within the region without a clear  
2 mission; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently has over 8,000 standing military personnel  
4 within Afghanistan and more involvement is likely; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States acting within the region as a hegemonic power has  
6 only increased anti-western sentiment putting the country at risk;  
7 therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
9 recommendation that the Department of Defense withdraw all non-  
10 essential military personnel from Afghanistan; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States federal government increases  
12 infrastructural investment into Afghanistan by another \$500 million  
13 dollars.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.*



## A Resolution to Require Congressional Approval For a Nuclear First Strike

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The President has full authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 to  
2                   launch a nuclear weapon without consulting Congress; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   President Trump has proven himself to be reckless with nuclear threats  
4                   toward North Korea, such as his promise to meet North Korea with “fire  
5                   and fury”; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   A nuclear attack on North Korea or any other country would presumably  
7                   initiate a third World War, with NATO, Japan, South Korea and Israel  
8                   against China, North Korea, Russia, and Iran; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Nine of those countries have nuclear weapons and would launch them in  
10                  the event of a nuclear war, destroying the world in a radiated apocalyptic  
11                  fire; now, therefore, be it
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled should require Congressional  
13                  approval before the President launches a nuclear first strike.



## A Resolution to Ban Private Prisons

1   **WHEREAS,**   Private prisons such as The Corrections Corporation of America has seen  
2                   a 500% increase in profit in the last 20 years due to the use of prison  
3                   labor; and

4   **WHEREAS,**   Private prisons cut costs by underfeeding prisoners and cutting other  
5                   provisions. This has resulted in prisoners dropping 10-60 pounds during  
6                   incarceration; and

7   **WHEREAS,**   Private prisons are required to fill a quota usually paralleling 90%  
8                   occupancy incenting longer prisoner sentences to fill the quota; now,  
9                   therefore, be it

10   **RESOLVED,**   That the United States will dissolve the current use of privately funded  
11                   prisons and prevent tensions that exist today.



## A Bill to Change the Prescription and Distribution of Pain Relievers to Reduce the Rate of Addictions and Overdose

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall hereby require that all health care  
3 insurance companies cover non-addictive pain relievers at a price comparable to  
4 addictive pain relievers. The purpose of this bill is to offset the rising rate of  
5 addictions and overdoses stemming from the use of addictive pain relievers  
6 covered by insurance companies due to their cheaper price.

7 **SECTION 2.** A comparable price is one that allows doctors and patients to choose either the  
8 addictive or non-addictive pain reliever and pay the same or nearly the same  
9 price for their choice. All pain relievers proven to not cause addictions or lead to  
10 overdoses will be considered as “non-addictive.”

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible  
12 for enforcing the implementation of this bill.

13 A. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), under the oversight  
14 of the Department of Health and Human Services, will set the market price  
15 on non-addictive pain relievers based on the market price for other pain  
16 relievers.

17 B. The CMS will also ensure that all health care insurance companies offer  
18 coverage of non-addictive pain relievers.

19 C. The CMS and Department of Health and Human Services will jointly take care  
20 of any questions or problems that arise from the health care insurance  
21 companies.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2018.

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