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A Bill to Institute Federal Oversight in Assisted Living Facilities

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall institute federal oversight for all state licensed assisted living facilities.

SECTION 2. Assisted living facilities include Type I – Assisted Living Facilities, Type II – Assisted Living Facilities and Small Health Care Facilities.

SECTION 3. A congressional panel will determine the federal guidelines of oversight. The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce the desired course of action.

SECTION 4. The law shall take effect January 1, 2015.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Terms of Supreme Court Justices

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States shall be limited to no more than 16 years of service to the Court, excepting that a justice is appointed upon the death or resignation of another by the President of the United States. In the event that a justice is appointed in this manner, he shall be allowed 16 years of service in addition to the remainder of the term to which he is appointed. Upon passage of this legislation, all sitting members of the court are exempt from its effects.

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

A Resolution to “liberate” Hong Kong from the People’s Republic of China

WHEREAS, with the “Beijing-based” government not allowing democratic elections to take place in the island territory; and

WHEREAS, with the central government not allowing elections, this is in direct violation of the UK-PRC transfer agreement of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hong Kong are now rioting in the streets to oppose the violation of this bill; and

WHEREAS, this crisis is showing a failure of the “One China-Two systems” arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hong Kong are calling on the United States and the West to help them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled do authorize the President of the United States of America to use diplomatic and military force to free the territory of Hong Kong from the People’s Republic of China; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the territory of Hong Kong will be given full democracy and independence as the “ Republic of Hong Kong.”

A Resolution for the United States to Set All Presidential Primary Elections on the Same Day

WHEREAS, United States Presidential primary elections with in different states are being held on different days and in different months; and

WHEREAS, This difference causes some states to have more influence in United States Presidential Elections and other states have minimal or no influence due to the disorganization within the prolonged timeframe of the elections; and

WHEREAS, This causes inequality between votes cast; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States Presidential Primary Elections should be held on the same day.

A Bill to Ensure the Safety of Poultry Workers and Consumers

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Department of Agriculture shall ensure that each factory-scale poultry slaughterhouse has a minimum of three USDA inspectors who shall (1) oversee kill lines and (2) ensure that poultry production operates at safe kill line speeds.

SECTION 2. "Factory-scale poultry slaughterhouse" refers to a facility where poultry (such as chickens and turkeys) are processed for consumption as food in amounts greater than 20,000 birds per year.

SECTION 3. The USDA shall be responsible for increasing the number of provided USDA-licensed inspectors from one to a minimum of three. Factory-scale poultry slaughterhouses shall provide a system visible to all kill line workers and USDA inspectors that posts every fifteen minutes the number of birds processed per minute which is not to exceed 140. Slaughterhouses looking to exceed 140 birds per minute must provide for a fourth USDA inspector. All Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA) reports are to document the kill line speed at the time of the incident.

SECTION 4. This bill is to be implemented on July 1, 2015.

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

A Bill to Require the Prosecution of Mothers of Children Born with Drugs in Their System

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any mother with a newborn child born with schedule 1 or schedule 2 drugs according to the United States Controlled Substances Act, in their system will be prosecuted.

SECTION 2. The Department of Justice would require all state Attorney Generals to ensure that all mothers having birthed a child with schedule 1 or schedule 2 drugs in their system will be prosecuted.

A. The prosecution of the mother would include the charge of child abuse, drug abuse, and endangerment to a child.

B. If the state Attorney General fails to enforce this bill, they will be denied funding by The Department of Justice, until a time that it is enforced.

SECTION 3. Implementation of this plan would begin to take effect as of, January 1st, 2016.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Require Citizens to Attend a State Certified Driving School to Obtain a Driving Permit

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall require citizens to graduate from a state certified driving school in order to obtain a driving permit.

SECTION 2. State certified driving school refers to any entity that is recognized and regulated for quality by the state in order to educate citizens of proper driving techniques and practices.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation will dictate which schools will be certified according to the standards of the state government and will be responsible for the regulation of these schools.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect on January 1, 2016.

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

A Bill to change the evaluations of colleges to Raise graduation rates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All US colleges and universities will undergo a performance based evaluation process to receive federal funding each year.

SECTION 2. Performance based evaluation- a form of evaluation used at the end of each school year to determine if the institution has had an appropriate amount of students completing degree.

SECTION 3. US department of education will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

A. Evaluations will begin on June 15th to measure the previous fall, spring, and summer graduation rates.

B. Evaluations will be completed by Sept. 1st of the year to send out funding.

C. Schools who fail to meet required amount of degrees after the first year will be put on a probational period for a year.

D. After the second year of failing to meet standards schools will receive a decrease in 1.5% of federal funding.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect June 15, 2016

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

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

WHEREAS, Private prisons are notorious for cutting corners to reduce costs, causing severe downgrades in quality of life for prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Prisoners at private prisons are frequently subject to dramatically worse conditions than those in government run federal prisons; and

WHEREAS, Texas is home to some of the largest private prisons in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Private prisons are known to have pervasive overcrowding, squalid conditions, insufficient medical care, and overuse of isolation units; and

WHEREAS Private prisons have little incentive to promote rehabilitation; therefore, so be it

RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled ban the use of private prisons; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all private prisons that have violated federal and state laws will be prosecuted accordingly.

A Bill Regarding Campaign Finance

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

A Resolution to Fund the NASA Space Program to Advance Technology

WHEREAS, The NASA Space Program does not have the correct amount of funding to properly advance the current state of technology; and

WHEREAS, Currently, funding for the NASA Space Program is less than .5% of the Federal Budget and this minimal amount of funding is preventing the rapid advancement of technology; and

WHEREAS, Because of this minimal budget advanced technologies similar to cellphones, GPS, and laser surgery are unable to be developed beyond their current capacity; and

WHEREAS, Without the benefits of advanced technologies, the United States will be unable to solve many of the new problems in this century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled increase the funding to 5% of the Federal Budget to NASA to advance the development of technology.

A Bill to repeal No Child Left Behind Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

A Resolution to open the United States Borders to Immigration

WHEREAS, our current immigration system is universally considered broken; and

WHEREAS, further attempts to tighten the border are counterproductive; and

WHEREAS, it is unjust that capital moves freely across borders but labor does not; and

WHEREAS, immigration helps the economy; and

WHEREAS, border spending is out of control; and

WHEREAS, America has historically welcomed the oppressed; and

WHEREAS, Open borders allow people, not their place of birth, to control their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled create an open border immigration model.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Term Limits for Members of Congress

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1: No person who has served four or more terms as a United States Representative shall be eligible for election to the US House of Representatives. If elected by special election to fill a vacancy in the US House of Representatives for a period longer than one year, then that time in office shall be counted as one term.

Section 2: No person who has served two or more terms as a United States Senator shall be eligible for election or appointment to the US Senate. If elected by special election or appointed to fill a vacancy in the US Senate for a period of longer than three years then that time in office shall be counted as one term.

Section 3: Upon ratification of this article, any incumbent member of the United States Congress whose current term exceeds the term limits shall complete their current term, but thereafter shall be ineligible for further service as a member of the US Congress.

Section 4: Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Promote a Presumed Consent for Organ Donation

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 people in America need lifesaving organ transplants;

WHEREAS, each year over a million tissues are transplanted successfully; and

WHEREAS, every day an average of 18 people die due to the lack of organ availability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled promote a presumed consent for organ donation.

A Resolution Regarding Women's Healthcare

WHEAREAS, A male dominated congress should not have control in deciding women's healthcare issues; and

WHEAREAS, The U.S. is listed as No. 84 out of democratic countries, with female legislators accounting for 18 percent of the House and 20 percent of the Senate; and

WHEAREAS, There is an obvious misrepresentation of women concerning healthcare issues;

WHEREAS, American women deserve a legislative voice regarding their bodies. therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the UIL Congress here assembled that the Legislature require *51%* of legislators to be female in order to pass any bill or resolution regarding women's only healthcare.

A Bill to Impose a Tax to Lessen Residential Water Usage

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress will impose a "water consumption tax" upon residential water users that use more than 72,000 gallons during a three month period.

SECTION 2. Residential water users refers to water usage in single family homes.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Reclamation will oversee the enforcement of this bill along with the EPA.

A. City and county officials will be responsible for reporting usage to the Bureau of Reclamation.

B. City and county officials will also be responsible for collecting the water consumption tax.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect January 1, 2015.

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

SECTION 3. If Congress fails to give authorization, no military action will be taken. Violation of the act may result in Articles of Impeachment being filed.

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

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

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