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A Bill to Classify Energy Drinks as Beverages

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All Energy drinks will be classified as a beverage rather than a supplement under the FDA.

SECTION 2. In order to provide clarification, the following terms are defined:

   Supplement- A product intended for ingestion that contains a dietary ingredient intended to add further nutritional value to the diet.

   Beverage- a drink other than water

   Energy drink- A liquid intended for consumption that is considered a source of energy, especially a soft drink containing a high percentage of sugar/caffeine/other stimulant.

SECTION 3. The FDA will oversee this bill.

   A. The FDA will enforce any changes in restriction that come from energy drinks being classified as beverage.

   B. Companies who do not comply will be fined a maximum of $50 million per offense

SECTION 4. This plan shall be enacted by October 2015

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Ban the Sale, Transfer, Manufacturing, Importation, and Possession of Semi-Automatic Assault Weapons and High Capacity Magazines in the United States to Civilians

WHEREAS, the sale, transfer, manufacturing, importation, and possession of semi-automatic assault weapons and high capacity magazines to civilians has increased; and.

WHEREAS, this increase can be linked to an increase in violent crime involving assault weapons and high capacity magazines; and

WHEREAS, sale and possession of these weapons by civilians puts persons residing or visiting the United States at risk for potentially deadly harm; and

WHEREAS, the interpretation of the Second Amendment by the Supreme Court allows the limitation of the type of weapon carried by civilians, be it

RESOLVED, that the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to ban the sale, transfer, manufacturing, importation, and possession of assault weapons and high capacity magazines to civilians in the United States.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Congress has the power to amend or declare void any laws in conflict with this bill.
A Resolution to Eliminate First Past the Post Voting

1 WHEREAS, First past the post or also known as winner take all has been in place in
the United States and has caused the creation of two party systems; and

2 WHEREAS, First past the post has proven to undermine democracy and shut down
the voices of the majority of Americans. First past the post is the cause of
the Spoiler Effect; and

3 WHEREAS, Many individuals are elected without having near the majority of the
votes of Americans. First past the post creates a minority rule; and

4 WHEREAS, The alternative vote works more effectively and allows for small parties a
better chance of being elected. The alternative vote eliminates the
Spoiler Effect; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
recommendation that we eliminate first past the post voting and replace
it with alternative vote.
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 have every prescribed drug to be filed in a National database

WHEREAS, Addictive prescription drugs are being abused across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Each year it is documented that fifteen thousand people die due to the abuse of non-prescribed painkillers; and

WHEREAS, One out of every twenty people ages twelve and older use painkillers for just the “high” that they give you and

WHEREAS, a National database would make sure that all drugs prescribed are accounted for at all times and make it more difficult to be sold illegally, also it will reduce the amount of driving or operating under the influence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution to create a Nationwide drug database; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all privacy of the patients will be held confidential and will not be seen other than the doctors and pharmacies.
A Bill to exchange all United States paper currency to coin-based currency

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All United States of America paper currency shall be exchanged with the United States Mint to coin-based currency, with identical value.

SECTION 2. Coins of identical value are to be made to restore the gold standard.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of the Treasury will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with United States Mint performing the exchanges.

A. To ensure that all money is exchanged, the Department of the Treasury shall oversee a program to convert all currency exchange stations in other countries to be compliant with this bill.

B. All denominations of paper currency will be exchanged.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2016. All currency is to be exchanged by January 1, 2017; after this date, no paper currency will be accepted in the United States.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to Equalize Student Dress Code for All Genders

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All student dress codes will be required to be the same for all genders.

SECTION 2. Any section of a dress code cannot be specific to or exclude a gender.

A. Certain dress codes specific to one gender perpetuate rape culture.

B. Certain genders are excluded altogether from wearing certain articles of clothing.

SECTION 3. This bill will be enacted by the federal government and will be applied to all public schools.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2: The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
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 Resolution to Grant NASA’s Funding Requests

WHEREAS, NASA as it is today is severely underfunded, particularly due to recent budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990 NASA’s budget has steadily decreased as a percentage of US national expenditures, falling from over 1% to less than 0.55 of the national budget, thus reflective of American political focus; and

WHEREAS, Space is becoming an increasingly pivotal tool of foreign policy in which the United States is falling behind and is surpassed in by many other nations; and

WHEREAS, It is potentially devastating and harmful for the United states to lose this position as it is through this that it is allowed and enabled to maintain a further degree of hegemony and global influence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to encourage spending and research by NASA and for funding requests from NASA shall henceforth be more frequently approved; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no grant shall exceed the estimated cost of $30 billion.
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 Demilitarize Domestic Police Units

WHEREAS, domestic police units are becoming increasingly militarized; and
WHEREAS, federal grants place few restrictions on the usage of military equipment provided; and
WHEREAS, the aforementioned grants require little training for equipment usage; and
WHEREAS, these grants provide for equipment associated with operations of wartime conflict, including: body armor, vehicles and surveillance equipment; and
WHEREAS, these grants have cost the American people over $35 billion since 2002; and
WHEREAS, granted military-grade equipment's usage escalated conflict during the Ferguson unrest; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend that the United States should demilitarize its domestic police forces and cease all grants of military grade equipment to local authorities.

WHEREAS, current international law does little to regulate seawater pollution caused by human actions, which has, in recent years, becoming an increasingly pressing environmental issue; and

WHEREAS, the ratification of such a piece of legislation would likely encourage the further investigation of deep sea resources internationally that would among other things, benefit the U.S and its Allies economically and;

WHEREAS, the current escalation of the South China Sea conflict between China and Japan has become increasingly harmful to United States interest in the region; and

WHEREAS, the ratification of UNCLOS would determine a twelve mile territorial sea limit and a two hundred mile economic sea limit that would help to set maritime borders between countries and would likely help to deescalate the aforementioned conflict; and

Whereas, the United states should not become directly involved in the South China Sea, rather set an example, and encourage peace in the region with the ratification of UNCLOS ; and

WHEREAS, the United States should work to protect civilian and military freedom of navigation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this assembled UIL congress strongly encourage a timely vote on the U.N Convention on the Law of the Sea in order to prevent further escalation of the South China Sea conflict and in order to reduce maritime pollution.
A Resolution to open the United States Borders to Immigration

1 WHEREAS, our current immigration system is universally considered broken; and
2 WHEREAS, further attempts to tighten the border are counterproductive; and
3 WHEREAS, it is unjust that capital moves freely across borders but labor does not;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, immigration helps the economy; and
6 WHEREAS, border spending is out of control; and
7 WHEREAS, America has historically welcomed the oppressed; and
8 WHEREAS, Open borders allow people, not their place of birth, to control their lives;
9 now, therefore, be it
10 RESOLVED, That the UIL Congress here assembled create an open border
11 immigration model.
A Resolution Regarding Women’s Healthcare

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

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WHEREAS, 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

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

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

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therefore be it

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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 RESOLUTION
TO REDUCE HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

1 WHEREAS: Human Sex Trafficking is the fastest-growing business of organized crime and the third-largest criminal enterprise in the world; and

2 WHEREAS: Harming millions of women and children annually, thousands of those Citizens of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS: Human Sex Trafficking is a human rights abuse; and

4 WHEREAS: The Trafficking Victims Protection Act only solves for half of the problem; and

5 WHEREAS: The United States has the power to execute a better solvent promoting Human Rights better protecting the liberties of these women; and

6 WHEREAS: Greater implementations will further solve this Human Rights abuse; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

7 The United States will implement further protections to reduce

8 Human Sex trafficking.
A Resolution to Return the United States to the Gold Standard

WHEREAS, the value of gold is well-known and respected all across the globe while the value of American currency has no real tangible value; and

WHEREAS, the American government can currently print as much meaningless paper money as they want to, as seen by the monetary inflation that took place in 1971 when the U.S. first left the gold standard; and

WHEREAS, if the United States returned to the gold standard our trade deficit would be significantly reduced; and

WHEREAS, returning to the gold standard would force the United States government to better organize federal spending in all aspects; and

WHEREAS, historically, the United States does better economically on the gold standard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by this Congress here assembled that the United States return to a gold standard based currency for economic growth and wellness.