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A Resolution to Get More Valuable Resources by Asteroid Mining

- 1 **WHEREAS,** a relatively small metallic asteroid with a diameter of 1 mile contains
2 more than \$20 trillion worth of industrial and precious metals; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** S-type asteroids contain numerous metals including nickel, cobalt and
4 more valuable metals such as gold, platinum and rhodium; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** even a small 10-meter S-type asteroid contains about 1,433,000 pounds
6 of metal with 110 pounds being rare metals like platinum and gold and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the asteroid 16 Psyche is believed to contain 1.7×10^{19} kg of nickel-iron,
8 which would supply the world production requirement for several
9 Hundred years; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation for NASA to increase asteroid mining research by 10%.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.



A Resolution to Invigorate the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The European Union (EU) is currently getting out of an economic crisis
2 and could fall back into one; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The EU is a large contributor to the global economy and the US; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** If the EU were to fall back into an economic crisis it could further damage
5 the global economy and the economy of the United States; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The EU and US already have strong political ties; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This would provide strength to the economic and political ties between
8 the two; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership was created to establish
10 free trade between the US and EU; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership has provided little
12 progress to do what it was meant to do on its own; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation to invigorate TTIP.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 3.



A Bill to Provide Aid to the Nigerian Government to Stimulate Securitization of Public Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$2 Billion to the Government of Nigeria to
3 be appropriated toward further developments of public school safety.

4 **SECTION 2.** Methods to be implemented under this bill include: secured access to
5 buildings, increased presence of law enforcement, and intelligence
6 development to assist the Nigerian Government in the resistance against
7 domestic terror threats to local educational facilities.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State shall oversee the implementation
9 of this Bill.

10 A. The Government of Nigeria will be at the liberty to allocate funds as
11 needed throughout the nation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will be implemented one year after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.



A Resolution to Include the United States Government in Rule 1.6 of the American Bar Association

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Lawyers have the right to withhold information regarding financial
2 advice; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Rule 1.6 Section b-3 gives American lawyers the opportunity to report to
4 the government, but not inversely; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This is hindering the United States government from reporting on cases
6 of money laundering; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Money laundering is affecting the United States' real estate sector,
8 international trade sectors, and capital flow; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will amend Rule 1.6 of the
10 American Bar Association's bylaws to allow government intervention
11 over lawyer/client confidentiality in the event of potential money
12 laundering crimes.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.



A Bill to Require Grocery Stores to Donate Money to Food Banks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Grocery stores are hereby required to round up the final price of each
3 transaction to the nearest dollar and donate the difference to a local food bank.
4 If there is more than one food bank in the area, let the donations be equally
5 divided between them.

6 **SECTION 2.** Allow the term “local food bank” to be interpreted as any organization that
7 stocks basic food items, and provides them to the public, free of charge. And,
8 allow the term “grocery store” to be interpreted as any store that gets at least
9 50% of its profits from food items.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Nutrition Services and Food and Drug Administration will be
11 responsible for ensuring the implementation of this bill. The FNS and FDA will
12 conduct randomized searches of grocery stores logs to ensure that the proper
13 amount of money has been donated.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be effective immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Resolution to Repeal the Helms Amendment to Allow Rape Victims to Receive Abortions

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There has been a significant increase in the number of pregnant sexual
2 assault and rape victims due to a rise in terrorism; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The rise of terrorist groups that use sexual violence as a war tactic has
4 caused thousands of victims to become pregnant, yet they cannot receive
5 any aid for abortions from the U.S. funded United Nations Population
6 Fund; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** About 47,000 people die annually from unsafe abortions due to a lack of
8 funding towards safe termination procedures; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The Helms Amendment prevents these victims from receiving safe and
10 legal abortions from the United Nations Population Fund or any U.S.
11 foreign humanitarian aid; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** This leaves victims to have unsafe abortions performed or to have an
13 unwanted child; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled repeal the 1973 Helms Amendment to
15 allow these victims to receive safe, legal abortions from U.S. foreign aid.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 13.



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:

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3 **Section 1.** The United States shall raise the National Minimum wage to \$15 dollars per hour.

4 **Section 2.** This raise will increase economic activity and spur job growth, reduce poverty,

5 reduce government welfare spending, reduce income inequality, and help to

6 reduce race and gender inequality.

7 **Section 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee this process.

8 **Section 4.** This will be enacted and put into place by December 2017.

9 **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 Reform the United States Electoral System in Order to Combat Political Exclusivity and Encourage Choice

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Only 57% of American citizens voted in the 2012 Presidential Election,
2 and voter turnout has been on a decline since 1986, and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Only 40% of voters are satisfied with the candidates of their respective
4 parties, and overall satisfaction with candidates is at its lowest point in
5 over 2 decades, and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The threshold for inclusion in electoral debates fosters a system of
7 political exclusion resulting in a lack of representation and choice within
8 the presidential candidates, and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Presidential approval percentages have not been above 48% in the last 2
10 decades, and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Such approval percentages indicate a failure in the electoral system,
12 even after candidates take office; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled lower the Commission on
14 Presidential Debates' threshold of support from the National Electorate
15 from 15% to 5%; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the First Past the Post electoral system be abolished and
17 replaced with a Preferential Balloting electoral system, in order to
18 combat political exclusivity and encourage choice among the Presidential
19 Candidates.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.



A Resolution to Use Satellites to Gather Data to Map Poverty in Remote Places of the World

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Mapping poverty through survey-takers has proven to be insufficient; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** It costs tens of millions of dollars for inaccurate results; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** It is so time consuming that results are outdated before the data can be
- 4 analyzed; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** It puts volunteers in danger when they survey and travel across
- 6 unprotected land; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled allow satellite technology to be
- 8 used for mapping poverty in remote areas.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



A Resolution to Regulate Special Purpose Districts

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The creation of special purpose districts has expanded dramatically over
2 the last decade to more than 39,000 nationwide; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Special purpose districts are often created independently of city or
4 municipal governments to do a variety of jobs ranging from school district
5 management to overseeing municipal waste disposal to sports venue
6 parking; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Special districts are frequently empowered with the ability to raise
8 revenues through taxation and/or tax-exempt bond sales; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Special districts currently take in and spend roughly \$100 billion per year
10 in public funds, which is more than all US city and municipal governments
11 combined; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Many of these special districts operate with little direct government
13 oversight, transparency, or voter accountability; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled should require all special purpose
15 districts which levy taxes or sell municipal bonds to serve a governmental
16 purpose and be governmentally controlled ; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any special district funding derived through taxes or bond
18 sales should be approved through either a public vote or a majority vote
19 of the local government council overseeing the district.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.



A Resolution to Fund Resource-Recovery Systems to Turn Wastewater into Energy Sources

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Funding for wastewater systems is very minimal; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that at least \$271
3 billion is needed to upgrade the wastewater infrastructure and an equal
4 amount is needed to maintain and repair the existing systems; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Wastewater can be recovered to both save money and provide
6 renewable energy, making the systems eventually self-sustaining; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Funding for wastewater resource-recovery systems is not currently
8 available for most states and territories; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The technologies are promising and provide both a system to eliminate
10 wastewater and a way to provide new energy; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend to provide funding
12 for further research in technology for resource-recovery systems; and, be
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That immediate funding be provided to build and maintain
14 wastewater resource-recovery systems based on current technology in all
15 50 states and the U.S. territories, and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That funding be set aside for future technology to revamp and
17 rebuild wastewater resource-recovery systems based on future
18 technology in all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.



A Resolution to Terminate Presidential Term Limits

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Presidential term limits may force capable candidates out of office; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Term limits have been widely opposed throughout the history of the
- 3 United States due to the fact that someone who is a strong president and
- 4 the best candidate for that office will not be allowed to continue to hold
- 5 that office; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Term limits have created the “lame duck” issue in the U. S. political
- 7 system; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Term limits resulted from precedence and have no other grounds on
- 9 which to stand; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 11 recommendation to terminate presidential term limits found in the 22nd
- 12 Amendment.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.



A Bill to Phase-Out the Federal Use of Private Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will phase out the use of Private
3 Prisons and/or For-Profit Prisons.

4 **SECTION 2.** A “Private Prison” or “For-Profit Prison” shall be defined as a place in
5 which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party
6 that is contracted by a government agency.

7 “Phase Out” shall be defined as the act of discontinuing a process or
8 project.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice along with the Federal Bureau of
10 Prisons shall be charged with the implementation of this bill.

11 A. All contracts with Private Prison Corporations shall be terminated
12 and no new contracts shall be implemented

13 B. Every year the United States will reduce the number of prisoners in
14 Private Prisons by 20%. Therefore in 5 years the use of Private Prisons
15 shall be completely phased-out.

16 C. These prisoners shall be transported to existing prisons or newly
17 created prisons.

18 D. These prisons must have a population under the max capacity,
19 ensuring the civil rights of the prisoners.

20 E. Considering the cost of building the average federal prison is twelve
21 million dollars, 500 million dollars shall be given to fund this
22 legislation.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 6.



A Bill to Revise Diplomatic Immunity Policies

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby refuses to recognize the diplomatic immunity of
3 any diplomat, diplomat family or deputy who kills an American citizen.

4 **SECTION 2.** Diplomatic immunity is defined as the privilege of exemption from
5 certain laws and taxes granted to diplomats, their families, and their
6 deputies, by the country in which they are working. A diplomat is an
7 official representing a country abroad.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Foreign Affairs shall oversee the implementation of
9 this bill.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 8.



A Bill to Amend the Orphan Drug Act to Include Life-Sustaining Medications

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Currently the Orphan Drug Act (ODA) incentivizes pharmaceutical
3 companies to keep the costs of certain medications low by decreasing the
4 overall cost for bringing a new drug to market. However, these policies
5 only cover medications that are meant for patients affected by rare
6 conditions, such as: Huntington’s Disease, ALS, and muscular dystrophy.

7 **SECTION 2.** Rare Condition, in this context, affects less than 200,000 people
8 nationwide in the United States. Schedule VII Drugs are classified as
9 life sustaining or death prolonging therapeutic drugs.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill calls to amend ODA to include medications that would sustain or
11 improve the quality of life for patients who require the following
12 medications: HIV/AIDS medication and Schedule VII drugs.

13 A. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the
14 implementation and enforcement of this new law.

15 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will begin at the start at the beginning of the 2018
16 Fiscal Year – October 1, 2017.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

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 **ARTICLE II, Section 1**

9 **SECTION 1:** A. The Electoral College shall cease to exist.

10 B. The President and Vice President shall hereby be elected by the
11 popular vote of the people of the United States.

12 C. A federal voter eligibility requirement will be enforced and will
13 supersede state voter eligibility requirements.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.



A Bill to Protect Ancient Native American Burial Grounds to Respect the Traditions and Sovereignty of Native Tribes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Ancient Burial Grounds shall hereby be classified as Protected Lands,
3 under Tribal Ownership.

4 **SECTION 2.** Historically, The United States has prioritized businesses' needs over the
5 traditions and welfare of Native Americans. This bill prevents any further
6 destruction of sacred land and traditions and places a cease and desist on
7 any present activity on Native American Burial Sites.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will recognize and oversee the Protection
9 of Native American Burial Grounds.

10 **SECTION 4.** Fines not to exceed \$500,000 and prison sentencing up to ten years for
11 desecration of protected land shall be imposed for each infraction.

12 **SECTION 5.** This law shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.



A Resolution to Enforce Stricter Punishment for Cyber Bullying

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Stated by DoSomething.org nearly 43% of kids have been bullied online; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Victims of cyber bullying are 2 to 9 times more likely to consider
- 3 committing suicide; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Cyber bullying has become an important issue that needs to be addressed; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The punishment for Cyber bullying should go beyond suspension from school,
- 6 team or club; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Cyber bullying is not only limited to online activity but also text
- 8 messaging and social media sites; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that
- 10 the punishment for cyber bullying should be enforced on a stricter level as no less than a
- 11 misdemeanor.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 19.



A Resolution to Reform the United States Freedom Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States Freedom Act failed to end bulk collection of data by
2 not incorporating super-minimization and specific selection term (SST)
3 standards that were included in the original draft; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The National Security Agency (NSA) is authorized by Section 214 of the
5 USA Freedom Act to collect mass surveillance data using pen
6 register/trap and trace devices which violate individual liberties and the
7 protection of the 4th amendment; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The unchecked and unwarranted collection of data threatens the privacy
9 and security of American constituents, which, subsequently, undermines
10 democracy, weakens the economic competitiveness of American
11 technology companies, and harms the credibility of the United States
12 federal Government; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation to reform the USA Freedom Act to end mass bulk data
15 collection; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** to include the aforementioned super-minimization and SST
17 standards and eliminate pen register/trap and trace devices in the reform
18 of the USA Freedom Act.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.



A Resolution to Formally Recognize and Join the International Criminal Court

1 **WHEREAS,** The International Criminal Court has empirically shown its support for
2 humanitarian causes, and the punishment and prosecution of egregious
3 human rights violations; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The United States will serve as a beacon for other nations to join the
5 Court, as well as ensure better rights for its people by adhering to the
6 Court's rulings; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Nations like South Africa and Gambia have recently moved to withdraw
8 from the Court, and may prompt other nations to do the same; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The United States' entrance to the Court will urge and influence these
10 nations to return, and deter others from leaving; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled join the International Criminal
12 Court; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that its international jurisdiction be recognized within the United
14 States of America.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.