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A Resolution to Repeal Section 532 of the 2014 Appropriations Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Wolf Amendment was put in to affect in 2011 as the result of post-
2 9/11 xenophobia; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** NASA hasn't had any missions in over a decade and they are losing
4 funding; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** NASA will lose its funding if it cooperates with the China National Space
6 Administration (CNSA) or a Chinese national goes to a NASA building; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** NASA operates as an impact filter and provides an opportunity to join
8 with other countries to prevent conflict; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation to repeal Section 532 of the 2014 Appropriations Act
11 and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the funding that was once used for the Wolf Amendment be
13 transferred to funding for NASA.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.



A Resolution to Pursue Peace Talks in Syria to End the Civil War

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Syrian Civil war has been going on for nearly 6 years; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** While the war itself has consumed the people of Syria, the effects of the
3 war have reverberated the world over; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The war has caused an excessive amount of refugees to flee the country
5 into countries across the world; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Syrian civilians live in constant fear of death; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Human rights violations have been constantly perpetrated by the Syrian
8 government; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Foreign intervention has caused an uproar of tensions between other
10 countries; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** President Trump has no plans to deal with the current situation in Syria;
12 now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation to pursue peace talks in Syria; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these peace talks be between the Syrian Federal
16 government and the Syrian rebels.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 3.



A Resolution to Move the United States Embassy in Israel

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The State of Israel has established their capital in Jerusalem; and
2 **WHEREAS,** The United States has placed their embassy in Tel-Aviv; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Recognizing Jerusalem as the Israeli capital would improve relations with
4 Israel, our strongest ally in the Middle East; now, therefore, be it
5 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled order that the United States
6 embassy to Israel be relocated to Jerusalem.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 7.



A Bill to Require Sexual Education Courses to be Offered in all Secondary Level Public Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All secondary public schools in the United States will be required to offer
3 a sexual education course for students to take.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sexual education is defined as instruction on issues relating to
5 human sexuality, including emotional relations and responsibilities,
6 human sexual anatomy, sexual activity, sexual reproduction, age of
7 consent, reproductive health, reproductive rights, safe sex, birth control
8 and sexual abstinence.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for the implementation
10 and enforcement of this bill.

11 A. The Department of Education may refer to the Department of Health
12 and Human Services for defining the scope of the sexual education
13 course expectations.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented beginning in August 2018, in preparation for
15 the following school year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 8.



A Bill to Ban Bitcoin to Prevent Darkweb Crime

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Bitcoin will hereby be banned to prevent its use for illegal actions.

3 **SECTION 2.** Ban – to prohibit, especially by legal means.

4 Illegal – not according to or authorized by the law.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States federal government’s judicial branches shall oversee
6 the enactment of this bill.

7 A. If caught using Bitcoin, an initial fine of \$20,000 will be given.

8 B. After the first fine, a minimum sentencing of a year in prison to a
9 maximum of 10 years will be given after each new instance of illegal
10 Bitcoin use.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be fully implemented no later than January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.



A Bill to Stop Artificial Intelligence from Taking Jobs from the American Workforce

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill would prohibit businesses from replacing workers with artificial
3 intelligence. The prohibition would include anything that could teach
4 itself new tasks, something that would take a job that has traditionally
5 been held by humans, and is not human.

6 **SECTION 2.** Artificial intelligence is defined as the development of computer systems
7 able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as
8 visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation
9 between languages.

10 American workforce is defined as all Americans who have a job, are
11 seeking a job, or plan to get a job.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee enforcement.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take 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 12.



A Bill to Repeal the Patriot Act to Decrease Systematic Racism in Our Government

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Patriot Act or "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate
3 Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001" shall be
4 repealed immediately by the passing of this bill.

5 **SECTION 2.** Repealed shall be defined as, to revoke or annul a law or congressional act.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill by making
7 sure that all of the extra provisions given to law enforcement and government
8 be taken away, such as, search and seizure without a warrant, indefinite
9 imprisonment of immigrants, and monitoring of people's private information
10 without knowledge or consent.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon its passing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.



A Bill to Enact Term Limits On Members of Congress So that Corruption is Minimized in the Government

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Members of Congress shall serve no more than two sequential terms
3 once elected into office.

4 **SECTION 2.** Each term will be current two or six-year period. It does not prevent a
5 member from being re-elected at a later time.

6 **SECTION 3.** The executive branch of government will oversee this new policy, and it
7 will be enforced by the acting Attorney General of the United States, with
8 Judicial approval from the Federal Circuit Court.

9 A. The executive branch oversees that the terms are not violated.

10 B. The attorney general initiates procedures to notify candidate that
11 their term is over and can seek re-election in two years.

12 C. The judicial branch must provide oversight.

13 **SECTION 4.** Once the senator or representative has served two terms, they will be
14 notified in writing that they may run for re-election after a two-year
15 waiting period. The member will not be permitted to run for election for
16 more than two terms in a row.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.



A Resolution to Greatly Increase Funding and Resources Specifically to Combat ISIS Social Media Efforts

1 **WHEREAS,** To date, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria have used social media to motivate
2 more than 30,000 people to join; and

3 **WHEREAS,** ISIS' usage of social media is meant to convince prospective recruits that its
4 empire is both stable and growing; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The terror group now has its own multilingual media arm that is extremely
6 dangerous due to the internet becoming woven into our daily lives; and

7 **WHEREAS,** ISIS is having success appealing to small numbers through social media, which
8 unfortunately in the terrorism business, is all it takes; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled increase funding and resources
10 specifically to combat ISIS social media efforts.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



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 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 incensing 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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.



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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.

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A Bill to Enforce and Protect the Basic Principle of Net Neutrality

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The basic principle of net neutrality and an open internet will be enforced
3 and protected under the United States federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** Net neutrality is the concept that Internet service providers (ISP) should
5 enable access to all content and products, regardless of source. This
6 prohibits ISPs from influencing consumer use of any specific services, as
7 well as, prevents any surcharge for access to particular content. Any and
8 all companies in violation of these regulations will be prosecuted.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Federal Communications Commission will enforce the
10 actions of this bill.

11 A. The FCC will monitor the activity of ISPs to ensure broadband
12 throttling and premium charges are not imposed. Any company in
13 violation of these regulations will be fined at the highest fee deemed
14 appropriate.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.



A Bill to Reform the No-Fly List

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons currently listed on the U.S. No-Fly list shall be notified of their
3 position and the justification for their placement on the list, and all
4 persons on the list shall be provided with an opportunity to challenge
5 their placement. The U.S. will also end the policy of predictive judgement
6 to place persons on the No-Fly list. Additionally, all persons on the no-fly
7 list shall not be allowed to purchase firearms.

8 **SECTION 2.** Predictive judgement is the process of attempting to predict whether U.S.
9 citizens will commit a crime based on various criteria that has not yet
10 been revealed by the U.S. government.

11 **SECTION 3.** The No-Fly list will continue to be maintained by the Terrorist Screening
12 Center, and the reforms proposed in this bill will be overseen by the
13 Department of State.

14 A. All persons on this list will have an opportunity for a fair hearing by an
15 impartial decision-maker in order to be removed from the list.

16 B. All notifications will be sent within two weeks of the passage of this
17 bill in order to allow for a rapid trial to allow travel for individuals who
18 are unjustly on the No-Fly List.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.



A Resolution to Permanently Reinstate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program

1 **WHEREAS,** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was implemented through
2 presidential action without congress; and

3 **WHEREAS,** DACA is going to expire by the end of 2017 thus leaving 800,000
4 undocumented immigrants without residency and possibilities to go into
5 the education system; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Children affected by DACA have been born and raised in the United
7 States culture and education system and many DREAMers join the
8 military, pay taxes, and are a large part of the economy; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Persons that qualify for DACA will have increased time to obtain a permit
10 without raising the renewal fee, will receive permanent residence status,
11 if qualified, and may live without fear of deportation while applying for
12 citizenship; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will work to permanently reinstate
14 DACA.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Bill to Create the Substance Decriminalization Act of 2018

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All substances currently incurring criminal prosecution shall be
3 decriminalized, and offenders shall be rehabilitated.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Substances shall be defined as a drug or other substance, or
5 immediate precursor, included in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V on the DEA's
6 Controlled Substances list. The term does not include distilled spirits,
7 wine, malt beverages, or tobacco.

8 B. Decriminalized shall be defined as to eliminate criminal penalties for a
9 substance.

10 C. Rehabilitated shall be defined as the mandated attendance of a
11 program to cleanse drug abusers of all illegal substances.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Criminal Justice Department.

13 A. Those convicted of possession of illegal substances shall be mandated
14 to attend government rehabilitation programs for not more than two
15 years.

16 B. Those convicted of distribution of illegal substances shall not be
17 affected by this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.



A Resolution to Ban English Language Learners from Standardized Testing Their First Year

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Standardized testing does not adequately score a student's knowledge and
2 abilities; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Standardized testing does not comply with the rules of the Individuals with
4 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Students who do not speak English are forced to take a test they do not
6 understand, which ultimately does not adequately grade their knowledge and
7 abilities; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Standardized testing materials are costly, and the money exhausted from this
9 ineffective test should be used for providing funding to public school systems;
10 now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
12 ban all standardized testing for English Language Learners in their first year.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.



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 1st 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 19.

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A Resolution to Increase Sanctions in Venezuela in Order to Encourage Economic and Government Stability

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Venezuela is in a state of economic and political turmoil with a
2 government that is on the verge of becoming a dictatorship; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** By increasing economic sanctions, the U.S. would be able to incentivize a
4 reversal of the tyrannical regime of President Nicolas Maduro.
- 5 **WHEREAS,** After President Chavez's rule oil prices fell dramatically, and, thus, the
6 money siphoned off for social programs and food became unsustainable
7 leading to a 50% decrease of exports since 2016; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** These exemptions cause not only additional bureaucratic layering on a
9 municipal level, but additionally become more costly for consumers as a
10 result of unequal application of these policies; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The collapse of the oil industry which accounted for 96% of its exports led
12 to hyperinflation skyrocketing to 700% leaving more than 76% of the
13 population impoverished; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** The rise of an oppressive, chauvinistic government has led to violent
15 demonstrations which threaten the lives of Venezuelan citizens;
16 therefore be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
18 recommendation for an increase of sanctions in order to incentivize the
19 Venezuelan government to right their inadequacy.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 20.



A Bill to Overthrow the Kim Dynasty

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government should overthrow the Kim
3 Dynasty.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Kim dynasty, officially called the Mount Baektu Bloodline, has
5 committed continuous human rights violations and is threatening world
6 peace with their nuclear weapons program.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will authorize the Army Rangers to
8 overthrow the Kim Dynasty.

9 A. The Army rangers will begin by neutralizing Kim Jung Un after a
10 massive air raid on Pyongyang, beginning January 10, 2018
11 at 12:01 AM.

12 B. After initial key personnel are eliminated, Marine and Navy forces will
13 begin a mainland invasion of North Korea.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 10, 2018

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