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A Bill to Send Solar Power Satellites into Space

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Energy costs are rising substantially and fossil fuel depletion is
3 inevitable

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5 Subpoint A: Fossil fuel depletion is calculated to be around 30, 98,
6 and 32 years for oil, coal and gas, respectively.

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8 Subpoint B: Coal reserves will only be available until at least 2112,
9 and it will be the single fossil fuel in the world after 2042.

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11 **SECTION 2.** The US will continue to pay more and more for energy as we
12 continue to be dependent on obtaining resources from other
13 nations.

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15 Subpoint A: The US is projected to pay, at the very least, \$23 trillion
16 between the years 2010 and 2030.

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18 Subpoint B: The US currently depends on fossil fuels for 85 percent
19 of its energy supply.

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21 **SECTION 3.** Space solar power exploration and development is, by far, the best
22 alternative to fossil fuels.

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24 Subpoint A: The technology necessary to create, connect, and
25 deploy Solar Power Sattellites currently exists.

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27 Subpoint B: Solar Power Satelites do not produce hazardous waste
28 and the power is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in
29 massive quantities.

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31 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately after passage by creating a
32 committee in charge of developing a budget for the project,
33 studying the most effective methods for creating such devices, and
34 overseeing the progress and success of the energy transformation.

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



A Resolution to Eliminate the Federal Three Strikes Law

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Texas and 27 other states have passed laws that require an enhanced
2 sentence, many times a life sentence, for a third conviction of certain
3 felonies; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Many of these felonies are non violent in nature; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Federal prisons are over crowded and expensive to maintain; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Mandatory sentencing allows judges no discretion in sentencing, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that the Violent Crime Control and
8 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 be amended to eliminate the Three Strikes
9 provision.



A Resolution to Aid in the Fight to End Child Labor in Ghana

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Nearly 3 million children in Ghana aged 5-14 are engaged in
2 employment in Ghana; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Many of these children are engaged in activities proscribed by the
4 International Labor Organization as constituting the worst forms of
5 child labor; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Several hundred thousand children in Ghana are injured each year as
7 they work in dangerous conditions; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Ghana has created programs, including the Ghana Child Labor
9 Monitoring System (GCLMS) and the Livelihood Empowerment
10 Against Poverty (LEAP) to address the problem of children engaged in
11 the worst forms of child labor; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** These programs are limited by a lack of adequate funding; now,
13 therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled provide \$100 million in
15 funding for the GCLMS and the LEAP in order to help reduce the
16 number of children employed in the worst forms of child labor in
17 Ghana.



A Bill Regarding Campaign Finance

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

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

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

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

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

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



A Bill to require Current Events & Issues Classes in U.S. Schools

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Be it required that students between the grades 9 and 12 take at least 2 years of Current Events & Issues classes to promote and ensure education and awareness of their world.

SECTION 2. Many students go out into the world unaware of the serious issues that are affecting them and others. Lack of understanding is due to a lack of education and exposure. Well-rounded citizens are the goal of public education.

SECTION 3. The enforcement of this bill will be through the U.S. Department of Education.

A. Funding will be through federal and state taxation through normal means.

B. Educators of the subject must have a History, English, Political Science, or Economics certification.

SECTION 4. Implementation will begin in the 2015 – 2016 school year.

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



A Bill Regarding Landfills

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Communities shall enforce stricter standards for rubbish, garbage, and
3 trash disposal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Exceptions shall include rebates for appropriate participation in recycling
5 programs.

6 **SECTION 3.** Higher fees for trash removal/disposal shall be charged to customers.

7 The customer shall be charged based on the amount of rubbish, trash, or
8 garbage that would be put into landfills. Enforcement shall be through
9 local sanitation/waste removal departments. Fines shall be charged to
10 persons attempting to circumvent via illegal dumping or burning of trash.

11 Fines shall be established for inappropriate disposal of dangerous
12 substances, chemicals, batteries, and e-waste.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law shall become effective January 1, 2016.

14 **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



A Bill to De-Militarize the Merida Initiative to Focus on the Social Issues in Latin America

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will stop funding the military section of the Merida
3 Initiative in order to turn its attention to the troubling social issues in
4 Latin America.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Merida Initiative will direct its funding towards solving issues such as
6 human rights, rural developmental aid, public health, poverty, and
7 disaster assistance.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State of Western Hemisphere Affairs will be
9 responsible for the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 01, 2015.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE --

18 **SECTION 1:** No person in the United States shall be denied the right of Writs of
19 Habeas Corpus, and neither State nor Congress shall make any law with
20 intent to abridge this right.

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



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

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Private prisons are notorious for cutting corners to reduce costs, causing
2 severe downgrades in quality of life for prisoners; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Prisoners at private prisons are frequently subject to dramatically worse
4 conditions than those in government run federal prisons; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Texas is home to some of the largest private prisons in the nation; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Private prisons are known to have pervasive overcrowding, squalid
7 conditions, insufficient medical care, and overuse of isolation units; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** Private prisons have little incentive to promote rehabilitation; therefore,
9 so be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled ban the use of private prisons; and
11 be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all private prisons that have violated federal and state laws
13 will be prosecuted accordingly.



A Bill to Limit Executive Power by Amending the War Powers Act

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

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

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

7 **SECTION 3.** If Congress fails to give authorization, no military action will be taken.

8 Violation of the act may result in Articles of Impeachment being filed.

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

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

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



A Resolution to Limit Offshore Drilling to Minimize the Impacts of Eutrophication and Hypoxia

1 **WHEREAS,** In the status quo, the hypoxic zone – a deoxygenated ‘dead-zone’ in the
2 ocean – spans over nearly 13,000 km². This dead zone is caused by runoff
3 and pollution from oil drilling that has caused algal blooms and ultimately
4 the destruction of oxygenated regions; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The hypoxic zone that spans east to west across the Texas Louisiana
6 coast has more than doubled between 1985 and 2008; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The BP Deepwater Horizon spill alone caused the depletion of nearly 20%
8 of the oxygenated fisheries in the Gulf; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Runoff and point-source pollution from oil drill sites in the Gulf of Mexico
10 are perpetuation the growth of the hypoxic zone even further; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the recommendation to Gulf-
13 state legislators to establish stricter regulations on oil drilling and run-off
14 pollution from oil refineries; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That should regulation be implemented, further
16 recommendations be made to establish watershed management
17 strategies to restrict nony point source pollution.



A Bill to Require All Law Enforcement Officers to Wear Body Cameras in the Line of Duty

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All Law Enforcement Officers while in the line of duty shall be required to
3 wear Axon (or comparable) Body Camera Devices with both audio and
4 video capabilities.

5 **SECTION 2.** Body Camera Devices are defined as body camera/devices that use both
6 sight and sound, in the form of video, to record speech and movement.

7 **SECTION 3.** There have been an increasing number of questionable incidents in the
8 United States involving Law Enforcement Officers and charges of police
9 brutality, racial profiling, as well as charges of wrongful shootings and
10 death.

11 A. An audio/video recording would provide the “real time” accounting of
12 each incidence.

13 B. An audio/video recording would provide facts that are sometime
14 missed, overlooked, or hidden in an on-going investigation.

15 C. All rules/regulations for the use/handling of the Audio/Video devices
16 will be regulated and supervised by the US Department of Justice.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law would go into effect 6 months after passage with funding
18 appropriated by and under the direct authorization of the US Department
19 of Justice.

20 **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 prevent Ukraine from joining NATO to prevent outright war with Russia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the new Ukrainian government has declared openly its intent to join
2 NATO,
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the admission of Ukraine into NATO is a severe security threat to Russia
4 as Ukraine acts as a protective buffer between NATO and Russia,
- 5 **WHEREAS,** NATO is forward deploying missile defense installations (EPAA) near to
6 the Russian border which reduces the effectiveness of Russia’s nuclear
7 deterrent (a severe threat to Russian national security) and which under
8 a NATO-member Ukraine would be expanded to include Ukrainian
9 installations hundreds of miles nearer to Russia,
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Russia is intrinsically linked to the people of Ukraine through millions of
11 intermarriages and a military barrier separating Russian families from
12 loved ones would not be tolerated,
- 13 **WHEREAS,** NATO member states, including the US, are required to provide each
14 other military support in cases of war and any international war in a
15 NATO-member Ukraine would likely require NATO to enter conflict with
16 Russia,
- 17 **WHEREAS,** the conventional superiority of NATO forces would necessitate the
18 utilization of tactical nuclear weapons by Russian forces (as per Russian
19 military doctrine), which in turn could escalate the conflict towards full
20 nuclear exchange; now, therefore, be it
- 21 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled declare that the United States is
22 firmly against the admission of Ukraine into NATO and, be it
- 23 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all US actions within the infrastructure of NATO will reflect
24 this determination.



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 to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Death Penalty

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 --**

9 **SECTION 1:** The death penalty shall be abolished for all crimes within the states and
10 territories of the United States.

11 **SECTION 2:** All people currently sentenced to death for any crime within the states
12 and territories of the United States shall immediately upon ratification
13 have their sentence changed to life imprisonment without any
14 opportunity for parole.

15 **SECTION 3:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
16 legislation.



A Resolution to Increase Financial Support for Refugee Children in United States Relief Programs

1 **WHEREAS,** currently, funding for refugee children is being stretched thin by the
2 growing number of unaccompanied minors [INLANDER]; and
3 **WHEREAS,** with 80,000 refugee admissions places planned in 2011, the United
4 States' refugee immigration is currently at 90,000 children and expected
5 to rise to 150,000 by next year [REUTERS]; and
6 **WHEREAS,** the additional unaccompanied minors involved are denied: indirect
7 financial support for housing, food, clothing, medical care and other
8 necessities; intensive case management by social workers; independent
9 living skills training; educational support; English language training;
10 career/college counseling and training; mental health services; assistance
11 adjusting immigration status; cultural activities; recreational
12 opportunities; support for social integration; and cultural and religious
13 preservation [Office of Refugee Resettlement]; and
14 **WHEREAS,** when the federal government decides to withhold this funding in order to
15 redirect it to the border, local agencies will be forced to cut staff or start
16 charging refugees for services; so, now, therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED,** that the UIL Congress here assembled decide that the United States
18 federal government provides adequate funding to meet the needs of
19 incoming refugee children; and, be it
20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this source of financial stability continues to satisfy the fiscal
21 needs of received refugee minors.



A Resolution to Lower the Cost of Post-Secondary Tuition to Dramatically Reduce Student Debt

1 **WHEREAS,** Seven in ten college seniors that graduated last year had an average of
2 \$29,400 per person and;

3 **WHEREAS,** Loans increased an average of 6% each year; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Having debt, in any amount, on a financially struggling young adult is not
5 only crippling to their potential abilities to find homes/vehicles/utilities,
6 but also increases stress, anxiety, and depression in an already overly
7 depressed and stressed generation; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled reduce or place a permanent cap
9 on public university tuitions; and, be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That student loan forgiveness plans assist all students with all
11 debts, not exclusively student loan debt, in order to get the next
12 generation of Americans started on the right path.



A Bill to Implement Year-Round Public Schooling to Decrease Summer Learning Loss

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States ranks 36th on a Global Education Scale.

3 **SECTION 2.** Students lose 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in mathematically
4 computation skills over summer months; and

5 **SECTION 3.** Current Legislation require public schools to be active 180 days each
6 school year. Increasing the amount of active days would

7 A. Reduces absentee rates for children in American Public School System

8 B. Increase the help provided for children with learning disability.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill would be enacted by the 2015-2016 school year.

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