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A Bill to Implement Autobahn-like Standards on All United States Interstate Highways

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

2 **SECTION 1.** United States Interstate Highways will have no speed limits or dramatically
3 increased speed limits much like the German 'Autobahn.'

4 **SECTION 2.** Autobahn is defined as a federally controlled highway in Germany with little to
5 no speed restrictions.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal government will have control of the Interstate Highways.

7 A. State and local law enforcement will be allowed to enforce rules on these
8 roadways within current jurisdiction requirements.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation when be passed, will be in effect January 1, 2017.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.



A Bill to Restore the Right of all U.S. Citizens to Vote

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All current felons will be re-enfranchised to vote in federal elections. Any
3 future person convicted of a felony will retain the right to vote in federal
4 elections.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Justice will ensure that the opportunity to register to
6 vote in federal voting districts will be provided for all felons. For those
7 currently incarcerated, a polling station will be established within prisons
8 by the local federal voting district.

9 **SECTION 3.** This law will take effect January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.



A Resolution to Reform the International Monetary Fund

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The IMF aid distribution methods, policies, and structure have led to its overall
2 decline; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Its hostile loaning policies have fostered loan addiction, industry dependence,
4 and declining economic stability within the countries it's tasked with helping
5 throughout the world; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The negative affects it causes in the countries it interacts with has led to
7 increasing international distrust of the organization, declining global
8 relevance due to its inability to accomplish its basic goals, and a growing
9 economic gap between developed and developing countries; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The United States as a member country with a goal of increasing global stability
11 should attempt to rectify these problems; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
13 reform the IMF by working towards more effective aid implementation,
14 anticorruption reform, increased transparency, and increased oversight
15 efficiency; and, be it;
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States delegation along with its allies work to achieve
17 these goals.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



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 Resolution to Encourage the Formation of a Syrian War Crimes Tribunal

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Civilians in Syrian warzones are routinely and purposefully attacked; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** These abuses include, but are not limited to summary executions,
- 3 torture, and limited access to food, water and health services; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The international community has failed to speak out against these abuses
- 5 in a meaningful manner; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** This flagrant disrespect for the rules of war could easily create a world
- 7 where direct civilian attacks become the norm rather than the exception;
- 8 now, therefore be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled makes the following
- 10 recommendation that the US President direct the US representative
- 11 to the United Nations to encourage the formation of a Syrian War
- 12 Crimes Tribunal; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this War Crimes Tribunal investigate and prosecute war
- 14 crimes committed by all actors in the Syrian Civil War.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.



A Bill to Auction Federal Land Not Being Used for National Defense

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will auction off all federally owned land that
3 does not have national defense purposes. States will be able to take the
4 land for the purposes of state parks; after states decline to take the
5 land, it is to go to public auction for private use.

6 **SECTION 2.** National Defense is to be defined as a term that refers to the defense of
7 the United States of America in purpose of defense and foreign relations.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee the implementation of this
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be taken into effect within 12 months of its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



A Resolution to Amend FDA Guidelines to Stop the Discrimination of Gay/Bisexual Men Who Wish to Donate Blood

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Gay or bisexual men in the United States currently have to abstain from
2 sexual encounters for 12 months before donating blood; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Straight citizens of the country are not held to the same restrictions; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** 36,000 units of blood are needed daily in hospitals; now, therefore, be it
- 5 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled to make the following
6 recommendation that the Food and Drug Administration must amend
7 the 12-month sexual activity limits placed upon gay or bisexual men.

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Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.



A Bill to Repeal the Budget Control Act of 2011 in order to increase the United States Military Budget

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Congress will repeal the Budget Control Act of 2011 to increase
3 spending for the United States Military Budget.

4 **SECTION 2.** The government will repeal the Budget Control Act in order to end the
5 Military Sequestration, thereby increasing the U.S. Military Budget. The
6 Military Sequestration is a provision of the Budget Control Act that
7 mandates \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts throughout federal agencies that
8 include \$500 million to the military budget over the next decade.

9 **SECTION 3.** The government agencies that will oversee the enforcement of the bill
10 are:

- 11 - UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE (CBO)
- 12 - UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
- 13 - UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.



A Bill to Ban Privately Managed Charter Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will ban privately managed charter schools.

3 **SECTION 2.** Charter schools have repeatedly adopted policies that violate state and
4 federal law. In addition, charter schools operate with little public
5 transparency, encouraging financial dishonesty and mismanagement.

6 Academic quality fluctuates widely throughout privately managed
7 schools, as no national guidelines can oversee their administration.

8 **SECTION 3.** Implementation will be overseen by the U.S. Department of Education.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 2017.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.



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.



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 Bill to Implement a Speculation Tax to Raise revenue for American Infrastructure Projects

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose a 0.3% tax for every stock sold, and 0.1%
3 for every bond sold.

4 **SECTION 2.** A stock is a portion of ownership in a company bought and sold publicly.
5 A bond is a debt security sold by the US Treasury which promises to pay
6 its full face value back in the future.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service in conjunction with the Securities and
8 Exchange Commission will oversee the implementation of this tax.

9 A. All revenue earned will go towards sustaining the health of current
10 infrastructure and initiating new projects for expansion.

11 **SECTION 4.** This tax will go into effect immediately.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.



A Bill to Amend the Tobacco Control Act to Raise the Age of tobacco Purchase to 21

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Tobacco Control Act be altered to raise the minimum age to
3 purchase tobacco to 21 nationally.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Tobacco Control Act gives FDA authority to regulate the
5 manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

7 **SECTION 4.** The amendment to the Tobacco Control Act will go into effect February 1,
8 2017, 11 days after the next Presidential inauguration.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.



A Bill to Implement Puerto Rico Relief and Recovery Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will implement the following reforms for the
3 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in order to address the current debt crisis.

4 A. Reform Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code to allow the
5 territorial municipalities of Puerto Rico to declare bankruptcy.

6 B. Section 936 of the International Revenue Service Code will be
7 reenacted in Puerto Rico.

8 C. Amend US Code Chapter 48 Section 745 to gradually allow Puerto
9 Rican bonds to be taxed by federal government.

10 D. Amend the Jones Act to allow non-American ships to engage in trade
11 with Puerto Rico.

12 **SECTION 2.** A. A territorial municipality is the smallest electoral division in Puerto
13 Rico.

14 B. The Jones Act prevents foreign flagged ships from between the
15 mainland and Puerto Rico from carrying cargo.

16 **SECTION 3.** The US Departments of Treasury and Commerce and the IRS will be
17 responsible for the implementation of this bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January of 2017, and Section 1.C. will be
19 implemented at the discretion of the Department of the Treasury.

20 **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 Require Presidential Candidates to Publicize all Medical and Financial Records

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will require presidential
3 candidates to publicize all medical and financial records.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States federal government will require that each presidential
5 candidate open the entirety of their medical and financial records to be
6 viewed by American Citizens.

7 **SECTION 3.** The released records must include and adhere to the following:

8 A. The candidates complete medical and financial records.

9 B. Easy computation by the chair of their specified political party to
10 which they will submit the documents.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC14.



A Resolution to Adopt Regulation on Carbon Pricing

- 1 **WHEREAS,** global warming is increasing; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** the effects of global warming include the loss of sea ice; accelerated sea
3 level rising, severe to extreme weather conditions such as but not limited
4 to snow storms, flooding, tornadoes, hailstorms, and longer, more
5 intense heat waves; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the effects could be detrimental to the United States environment as well
7 as globally; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the emission of CO₂ or greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is a major
9 contributor to global warming; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
11 for an adoption of carbon pricing to be implemented by the Department
12 of Energy for CO₂ emitters in the United States to hereby decrease global
13 warming.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.



A Bill to Audit the Federal Reserve System

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

2 **SECTION 1.** An audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and
3 the Federal Reserve banks shall be conducted by the Comptroller
4 General.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following text shall be struck from subsection 31 USC 714(b):
6 “Audits of the Board and Federal reserve banks may not include –
7 (1) transactions for or with a foreign central bank, government of a
8 foreign country, or non-private international financing organization;
9 (2) deliberations, decisions, or actions on monetary policy matters,
10 including discount window operations, reserves of member banks,
11 securities credit, interest on deposits, and open market operations;
12 (3) transactions made under the direction of the Federal Open Market
13 Committee; or
14 (4) a part of a discussion or communication among or between members
15 of the Board and officers and employees of the Federal Reserve
16 System related to clauses (1)–(3) of this subsection.”

17 **SECTION 3.** A report on the audit shall be submitted by the Comptroller General to
18 the Congress.

19 A. The report shall be made available to members in the leadership of
20 both the House of Representatives and Senate, along with any other
21 members of congress requesting it.

22 B. The report shall be submitted within 90 days of the completion of the
23 audit.

24 **SECTION 4.** The audit shall be completed within 12 months of the date of enactment
25 of this Bill.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.



A Resolution to Respect Native American Sovereignty

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, numerous pipelines are being constructed that will cross
2 Native American lands or protected areas in Oklahoma, Minnesota, Iowa
3 and other areas of the country; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** These pipelines threaten burial and cultural sites through demolition; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Environmental threats to drinking water and leaks that could destroy
6 land, vegetation, and animals are of great concern to the tribes that
7 revere the land; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The National Historic Preservation Act, Fort Laramie Treaties, and the
9 concept of tribal sovereignty are being violated; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation to respect the right of tribal sovereignty to choose whether to
12 allow these pipelines to cross their protected lands.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 19.



A Bill to Mandate Childhood Immunizations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Children in the United States shall receive all childhood immunizations at
3 the appropriate ages. However, children with cancer or children taking
4 drugs that lower the body's immunities shall be exempt until their
5 immunities are back to normal.

6 **SECTION 2.** Children shall be defined as, "a person between birth and full growth; a
7 boy or a girl." Childhood immunizations shall be defined as, "vaccines
8 that protect children from more than a dozen childhood diseases."

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services shall oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 A. All parents/guardians who do not vaccinate their children will be
12 charged with felony child endangerment (1-10 years in prison.)

13 B. Children who do not receive vaccines will not be allowed to attend
14 school and the parents/guardians will be subject to increased fines
15 and more prison time.

16 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect immediately following passage.

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



A Resolution to Increase Funding For Homeland Security's Cyber Security Division

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Due to insufficient funding for cyber-security units, an increase in
2 hacking, attacks, and lack of privacy has ensued; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The current funding for The Department of Homeland Security is set at
4 41.2 billion dollars with only 587 million dollars allocated for the Cyber-
5 Security Division; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Hacking can result in the loss of information, money and privacy, and
7 damage reputations; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The increase in funding will be solely used for curtailing attacks and
9 security breaches that occur because of the lack of cyber-security; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation to allocate a substantial portion of the Homeland
13 Security budget to the cyber security unit.