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A Bill to Install Metal Detector Doors in All Schools to Prevent Violence

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Metal detector doors will be installed in all schools.

3 **SECTION 2.** The use of metal detector doors will be made mandatory at all school
4 entrances.

5 **SECTION 3.** 3-5% of the funding will come from the property taxes already paid into the
6 local community.

7 **SECTION 4.** An additional tax will be placed on gun and ammunition purchases.

8 **SECTION 5.** The remainder of the funding will come from a graduated income tax applied to
9 all consumers that have a stable economic status.

10 **SECTION 6.** Every town for Gun Safety will provide any funding required to cover deficits.

11 **SECTION 7.** Implementation of the metal detector doors will be placed under the guidance
12 of the National School Safety Center and state officials.

13 **SECTION 8.** Implementation will occur immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congress Debate by ESC 5.



A Resolution to Ban Congressional Lobbyists

1 **WHEREAS,** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) only bans Congress members
2 from becoming lobbyists within a year of the end of their final term; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Congressional representatives and senators are able to legally obtain a
4 lobbyists position before they leave office; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Senate majority members and ex-House speakers continue to have
6 power though they are not elected anymore; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the largest influence comes from lobbyists who maintain relationships in
8 Congress well after they leave; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the lobby industry based on these long-established relationships makes
10 over \$2.5 billion a year advocating for specific legislation in Congress;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation to the FEC to ban Congress members from being
14 allowed to become lobbyists to reduce the revolving-door phenomenon;
15 and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That yearly Congressional oversight will help to ensure that
17 shadow lobbying also does not occur.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.



A Resolution to Prevent Opioid Addiction and Overdoses

1 **WHEREAS,** The opioid epidemic inside the United States has grown exponentially
2 due to drugs such as Oxycodone, Fentanyl, Morphine, and Codeine being
3 readily available; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. with
5 Opioids being the biggest cause of these deaths, accounting for almost
6 50% of all overdose deaths; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Cities have been devastated fiscally due to loss of a workforce and
8 spending towards emergency overdoses and other prevention methods;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS,** The problem is only increasing due to no preventative measures before
11 addiction; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation to open Opioid rehabilitation centers to help those that
14 are severely addicted to Opioids, as well as taking any means necessary
15 to limit unnecessary prescriptions by doctors and funding research for
16 safe alternatives; and, be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That those who have taken Opioids under a prescription for longer
18 than 6 months be required to go to rehabilitation centers in order to
19 ensure they get immediate treatment for symptoms which lead to
20 addiction.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.



A Bill Funding Aid to South Africa to End the Country's Water Crisis

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

2 **SECTION 1.** \$30 million shall be allocated toward the acquisition and transportation
3 of potable water, which will be transported to South Africa to alleviate
4 the country's water crises. In addition, \$500 million shall be allocated
5 toward the establishment of a desalination plant at Cape Town to
6 prevent future water crises.

7 **SECTION 2.** "Acquisition and transportation" shall be defined as the process of
8 collecting fresh water from an American source into transportable
9 containers, and transporting this water by tanker to the government of
10 South Africa for distribution.

11 "Water crises" shall be defined as shortages of potable water within the
12 country that threaten the lives of South African citizens.

13 "Establishment of a desalination plant" shall be defined as the planning,
14 construction, and maintenance of a desalination plant near Cape Town,
15 and all expenses involved in this process.

16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall
17 control and oversee the distribution of the potable water to South
18 African cities. USAID will be responsible for determining the most
19 effective places for the distribution of this water, with a goal of saving the
20 most amount of South African lives. In addition, USAID shall oversee the
21 process of establishing a desalination plant near Cape Town.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect beginning on the start of the 3rd quarter
23 of fiscal year 2019.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Bill to Sell Assets in the Al Udeid Air Base to Better Gulf Cooperation Council Standing

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

- 2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. will sell all assets in the Al Udeid air base in Qatar to the national
3 military forces that participate in any Qatar Air Force operations (Qatar
4 included). Stipulations include:
- 5 A. The potential buyer must be a partner in good standing to the United States
6 in counterterrorism.
- 7 B. The assets will be sold individually based on their function not in bulk in
8 order to prevent abuses of power or threat by the buyers.

- 9 **SECTION 2.** "Assets" are defined as any non-human resources that were developed in, or
10 for the disposal of the air base.
- 11 A. This definition extends to weapons of war.
- 12 B. This definition extends to military intelligence.

- 13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will be responsible for enforcing this legislation as
14 follows:
- 15 A. The Department of Defense and United States Air Force will be responsible
16 for selling all assets as well as coordinating the transportation and removal
17 of assets form Qatar.
- 18 B. The Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for allocating all
19 proceeds.
- 20 C. The Department of State will be responsible for evaluating potential buyers.

- 21 **SECTION 4.** The Bill will go into effect in 2019. The United States federal government has
22 until 2024 to dispose of unwanted/excess assets located with the Al Udeid Air
23 base through commerce.
- 24 A. Any assets unsold by the deadline will be granted to the Qatar Air Force
25 unless deemed necessary to be returned to the U.S. by United States
26 Central Command Air Forces (USCENTAF).
- 27 B. USCENTAF can make exceptions to what is to be sold.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.

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A Bill to Defund the EPA to Lower Costs on Taxpayers and the Environment

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

2 **SECTION 1.** We must defund the Environmental Protection Agency because the funds that it
3 takes to run compared to the destroyed jobs and small effect on the
4 environment is disproportional.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will no longer receive funding though can
6 continue without the power of government funding from federal funding.

7 A. The EPA can be adopted by states or become an independent organization
8 receiving no federal funding.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented March 30, 2019.

10 **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 Legalize Enhanced Interrogation Techniques for Domestic Threats to U.S.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** When there is an immediate threat to the United States from foreign
3 individual(s), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Federal
4 Investigation Bureau (FBI) hereby have authority to use enhanced
5 interrogation techniques to the foreign individual(s) posing a threat.

6 **SECTION 2.** These techniques are only to be used if and when there are no other
7 foreseeable methods to recover and obtain information about the threat.

8 **SECTION 3.** “Enhanced Interrogation Techniques” shall be defined as any type of
9 extreme interrogation classified as the following: waterboarding, facial
10 holding, facial slapping, wall standing, and attention grasping.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the operations and
12 implementation of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented on July 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.



A Bill to Protect National Parks

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act will be reinstated with an
3 expiration date of January 31, 2028.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act constitutes that monies
5 collected from recreation fees for entering federal lands/national parks
6 are kept by the National Park Service in order to fund more recreational
7 projects, upkeep infrastructure throughout the parks and improve
8 facilities.

9 **SECTION 3.** As in the past, the Bureau for Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation
10 and the Fish and Wildlife Service will be responsible for:

11 A. Overseeing maintenance issues within federal lands.

12 B. Dispersing funds throughout federal lands and national parks.

13 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will take effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 19.



A Bill to Halt All Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense shall immediately terminate all sales of arms to
3 Saudi Arabia.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Arms" are defined as artillery, ammunition, tactical weaponry or specialized
5 weaponry. "Terminate" is defined as the cessation of transfer of weapons and
6 acceptance of money from the Saudi Arabian government.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee this termination of arms sales.

8 A. The Department of Defense shall receive a stipend of 1 billion dollars in two
9 fiscal years to make up for the lost funds.

10 B. Any arms still in possession of the U.S. Department of Defense that were
11 intended for Saudi Arabia may be liquidated or resold to other nations.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congress Debate by ESC 2.



A Resolution to Invoke 28 U.S. Code § 1498 to Lower Costs for Prescription Drugs

1 **WHEREAS,** Pharmaceutical companies are charging exorbitant fees for exclusive
2 prescription drugs that are negatively affecting the average consumer;
3 and,

4 **WHEREAS,** Millions of Americans are unable to afford the prices of life-saving
5 prescription drugs, which will endanger their well-being if the current
6 system is not altered; and,

7 **WHEREAS,** Because of these costs, hospitals do not have enough capital to buy
8 medication, which trickles down to the average consumer; and,

9 **WHEREAS,** If this abuse is not stopped, the opioid epidemic could potentially be
10 drawn out or worsened due to a deficit of available prescription
11 medication like naloxone; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled invoke section 1498 to negotiate
13 with pharmaceutical companies in an effort to lower pharmaceutical
14 prices.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 8.



A Bill to Change Gun Free Zone Signs in Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Rather than using gun free zone signs in schools, signs would read

3 “Armed Security on Premise”.

4 **SECTION 2.** Gun free zones as defined by the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1990 is

5 that of areas where criminal penalties for the possession or discharge of a

6 firearm in a school zone, with specified exceptions, including the

7 possession or discharge by an individual as part of a school program or by

8 a law enforcement officer acting in an official capacity.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will pay for the sign changes as well as

10 establishment of security.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will come into effect at the beginning of the next U.S.

12 federal government fiscal year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.



A Resolution to Eliminate Certain Tariffs Aimed at China

1 **WHEREAS,** China has issued tariffs aimed at products made in the United States; and

2 **WHEREAS,** The new Chinese tariffs have been in response to the steel and aluminum
3 tariffs introduced by the United States against China; and

4 **WHEREAS,** World leaders believe the steel and aluminum tariffs from the United
5 States are economically disruptive; and

6 **WHEREAS,** China has filed a trade case with the World Trade Organization in
7 response to steel and aluminum tariffs from the United States; now,
8 therefore, be it.

9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States should
10 immediately eliminate all steel and aluminum tariffs aimed at

China. Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.



A Bill to Expand the Screening Partnership Program

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Screening Partnership Program will be expanded to apply to all
3 airports replacing duties typically performed by Transportation Security
4 Administration personnel.

5 **SECTION 2.** The SPP has airports employ private security agencies to conduct airport
6 screening that also have to adhere to TSA policies and procedures as well
7 as use TSA approved equipment.

8 **SECTION 3.** TSA will transition into strictly an oversight and regulating agency.
9 Airports will be responsible for airport security.

10 A. TSA will set standards, oversee, and provide intelligence to airports.

11 B. Airports will assume responsibility for screening passengers, non-
12 passengers, and their belongings.

13 **SECTION 4.** This transition will happen gradually, effective immediately, with a
14 completion date of December 31, 2020.

15 **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 Restrict Church/Religious Organization Special Tax Exemption

- 1 **WHEREAS,** An Increasing number of churches take advantage of the tax exemption
2 that they receive; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Tax exemption provides an incentive for organizations to falsely declare
4 themselves to be religious; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This special treatment has elevated the status of churches and other
6 religious organizations over other non-profit organizations, violating the
7 establishment clause of the First Amendment; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled require churches and other
9 religious organizations to follow the same tax exemption requirements as
10 other non-profit organizations, such as filing Form 990 with the Internal
11 Revenue Service.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Strengthen Checks and Balances

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 XXVIII**

9 **SECTION 1:** Whenever the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives transmit to the Chief Justice of the
11 Supreme Court their written declaration that the President is unable to
12 discharge the powers and duties of his office, supported by a three-
13 fourths vote of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, the
14 Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the
15 office as Acting President.

16 **SECTION 2:** Thereafter, when the President transmits to the Chief Justice of the
17 Supreme Court his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall
18 resume the powers and duties of his office unless the President pro
19 tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
20 supported by a three-fourths majority vote of both the Senate and the
21 House of Representatives transmit within four days to the Chief Justice of
22 the Supreme Court their written declaration that the President is unable
23 to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon the Supreme
24 Court shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that
25 purpose if not in session. If the Supreme Court, within twenty-one days
26 after receipt of the latter written declaration, determines by two-thirds
27 vote that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of
28 his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as
29 Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and
30 duties of his office.

31 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
32 legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.

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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**

9 **SECTION 1:** The presidential election will no longer be based upon Electoral College
10 votes but by the popular vote of U.S. citizens in all states and the District
11 of Columbia on Election Day.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



A Bill to Mandate Mental Health Screenings and Review for Active Duty Police Officers to Increase Public Safety

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Annual mental health screenings, administered by licensed professionals,
3 shall be required for active duty officers.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Mental health screenings" shall be defined as a test to measure
5 mental health.

6 B. "Police officer" shall be defined as a warranted law employee in the
7 employ of a police force.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services in coordination with the
9 Department of Justice shall oversee enforcement of the bill.

10 A. Funding shall come from the Department of Justice's annual budget.

11 B. Active duty officers that are not deemed mentally healthy shall be
12 required to undergo counselling and re-test in order to be placed
13 back on active duty.

14 C. Any officer failing a mental health examination twice in a five-year
15 period shall be transferred to a job that does not require public
16 interaction.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for debate by ESC 18.



A Resolution to Increase Trade with Cuba

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Cuban Embargo has existed for decades, yet has had no result in an
2 increase of democracy in the country; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The people of Cuba face a persistent economic threat due to an outdated
4 policy which has reduced their quality of life; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Cuba has taken steps towards liberalizing their markets and promoting
6 human rights; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Cuba has vital goods and services that the people of the United States
8 could gain from; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for the Cuban trade Embargo to be completely
11 removed; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Cuba be included in future NAFTA negotiations in order to
13 become a future member of the agreement.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.



A Resolution to Establish a Single-Payer Government Healthcare System By 2025

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Studies have proven that the United States under performs and over pays
2 for healthcare in comparison to other developed nations; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Many developed nations have already moved to a single-payer
4 government healthcare system; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Recent studies have shown that single-payer government healthcare
6 would reduce the overall cost of healthcare for the nation; and
7 **WHEREAS,** A single-payer government healthcare system will ensure that all citizens
8 are granted proper access to healthcare; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation to create a single-payer government healthcare system
11 by the year 2025.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 3.



A Resolution to Assist the People of Yemen to Alleviate the Humanitarian Crisis Caused by the Ongoing War

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The war in Yemen has caused a humanitarian crisis; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Due to the conduct of Saudi Arabia and their allies, including the United
3 States, some 5,500 civilians are dead and some 9,000 are wounded and
4 along with this daunting number, some 22 million are in need of aid for
5 reasons including famine and epidemics of cholera; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** If this war is allowed to continue on its current course then millions will
7 be added to its death toll; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That although the UIL Congress here assembled understands the
9 justification of this war, we are obligated to acknowledge the needs of its
10 victims and endeavor to aid them; we must uphold their unquestionable
11 right to life and security.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.