



A Bill to Expand Access to Mental Health Care for the Low Socio-Economic American Citizens

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will hereby mandate that all states
3 follow the federal default for state essential health benefits in order to
4 eliminate state bias for the mentally ill.

5 **SECTION 2.** Mentally ill - a term that describes the disorder of the mind that could be
6 of emotional or physical origin.

7 **SECTION 3.** The government agency responsible for the enforcement of this bill is the
8 United States Department of Health and Human Services. It will oversee
9 the project and will monitor that the states are following the federal
10 default.

11 **SECTION 4.** The following bill will be implemented and criteria will be met by
12 August 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abernathy High School



A Resolution to Disallow the Use of fMRI to Be Used as Evidence in Criminal Trials.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The fMRI is being used in criminal cases in several states in the present
2 system and;
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the fMRI used as a lie detector has an accuracy rate of only 75% to 98%
4 and;
- 5 **WHEREAS,** this accuracy rate is too low for use in court cases where the death
6 penalty and life without parole is in play. Therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** that the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation for solution to disallow the use of fMRI as criminal
9 evidence.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Denver City High School.



A Bill to Restrict the Use of Automatic Firearms to Reduce Accidental Deaths

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of automatic firearms by children under the age of 17 on private
3 lands as well as at shooting ranges is prohibited.

4 **SECTION 2.** Automatic firearms are defined as a firearm that reloads itself and
5 keeps firing until the trigger is released.
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7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will oversee the
8 implementation of this bill.

9 A. This bill will require that anyone owning or firing an automatic
10 firearm to have completed 16 hours of training

11 B. This bill will make it illegal for anyone under the age of 17 to fire an
12 automatic firearm.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

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

15 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Denver City High School.*



A Bill to Impose a Tax to Lessen Residential Water Usage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will impose a “water consumption tax” upon residential water
3 users that use more than 72,000 gallons during a three month period.

4 **SECTION 2.** Residential water users refers to water usage in single family homes.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Reclamation will oversee the enforcement of this bill along
6 with the EPA.

7 A. City and county officials will be responsible for reporting usage to the
8 Bureau of Reclamation.

9 B. City and county officials will also be responsible for collecting the
10 water consumption tax.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Denver City High School



A Bill to establish entrance points to combat the recent Ebola outbreak

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All US ports of entry will be equipped with the medical technology to test
3 persons coming into the US for the Ebola Virus.

4 **SECTION 2.** Ports of entry: The access point for all citizens, immigrants, and tourists in
5 the US.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The US department of health will provide the ports of entry with the
7 medical equipment to test for the Ebola virus, and provide individuals
8 responsible for testing for the virus.

9 B. The US border patrol will be responsible for securing individuals found
10 positive of the Ebola virus, and sending them to proper medical facility.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Morton High School.



A Bill to Place Safety Belts to prevent accidents in school buses

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All school buses must be equipped with safety belts.

3 **SECTION 2.** School Buses- Any form of public school transportation that carries over
4 20 passengers.

5 Safety Belts- the three point apparatus in motor vehicles that restrains
6 passengers.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US department of Education will oversee the implementation and
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Morton High School.



A Bill to Increase Funding for Ebola Research to prevent a worldwide epidemic of a deadly disease

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Increasing the funding on Ebola will aim to stop a transmission worldwide

3 **SECTION 2.** An increase on research will issue a roadmap to coordinate a response to
4 the outbreak on the Ebola Virus.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Center for Disease Control and Prevention will be in charge of all
6 research and prevention tactics.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 3, 2015

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by O'Donnell High School.



A Bill to subject all airline passengers traveling from the Middle East to higher levels of security

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All airline passengers coming directly or indirectly from the Middle East
3 into the United States of America will be subject to higher levels of
4 security checks, due to increasing threats from the Islamic State of Iraq
5 and Syria (ISIS).

6 **SECTION 2.** Indirectly is defined as passengers traveling through one or more
7 countries before reaching their final destination in the United States of
8 America.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will oversee the enforcement
10 of the bill along with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

11 A. To ensure the effectiveness of this bill, all TSA offices at airports will
12 aid in the enforcement by performing background checks using
13 federal government databases and more thorough baggage searches.

14 B. All airports under the jurisdiction of the FAA will be subject to this bill.

15 C. No new jobs will be required for this bill to be enacted.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Seminole High School



A Bill to exchange all United States paper currency to coin-based currency

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States of America paper currency shall be exchanged with the
3 United States Mint to coin-based currency, with identical value.

4 **SECTION 2.** Coins of identical value are to be made to restore the gold standard.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Treasury will oversee the
6 enforcement of the bill along with United States Mint performing the
7 exchanges.

8 A. To ensure that all money is exchanged, the Department of the
9 Treasury shall oversee a program to convert all currency exchange
10 stations in other countries to be compliant with this bill.

11 B. All denominations of paper currency will be exchanged.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2016. All currency is to be
13 exchanged by January 1, 2017; after this date, no paper currency will be
14 accepted in the United States.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Seminole High School



A Bill to Establish U. S. Energy Independence

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will develop its energy producing natural
3 resources to the level that the United States of America is non-dependent
4 on foreign sources for its energy needs.

5 **SECTION 2.** Energy needs shall be defined as 98% of all U.S. energy needs. Special
6 exception will be provided for NAFTA members Canada and Mexico. This
7 law will not supersede state laws relating to the development and
8 exploration of energy.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

10 A. All regulations currently restricting the development and exploration
11 of energy and its development will be suspended until energy
12 independence is achieved. Any development created during this
13 period cannot be terminated for a period of ten years to allow for
14 recuperation of investment.

15 B. The United States Federal Government will provide small grants to
16 companies embarking on the development of U.S. “green” energy
17 during this period of open development and exploration.

18 **SECTION 4.** Due to the importance of National Security, this suspension of restricting
19 regulations will begin immediately upon the bill being signed into law.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sudan High School.

We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and has permission to be presented.



A Resolution to enforce the immigration laws of the United States, and significantly reduce illegal immigration

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States, a nation of immigrants, cannot sustain the current
2 rate of illegal immigration and continue to provide its current standard of
3 living and safety for its citizenry; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** schools, social services, medical services, economic development, and the
5 established way of life, are at risk under the current system; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** while these immigrants come to the United States in hopes of finding,
7 “The American Dream.” It is precisely that dream of, “life, liberty, and
8 the pursuit of happiness,” that is in jeopardy for all U. S. citizens; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** while assimilation of the hungry and huddled masses is innate to the
10 democratic experiment known as the United States, “a house divided,
11 cannot stand.” The rate of current immigration exceeds the ability of the
12 U. S. to assimilate this large mass of humanity; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** that the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation for solution, enact legislation to regain control of this
15 situation for the good of our citizenry and the immigrants; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that it be considered a most urgent need on the legislative
17 calendar.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sudan High School.



A Resolution to School District Employees to Carry a Concealed Firearm

- 1 **WHEREAS,** School shootings have become a growing concern; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Schools have become an immediate target for armed gunmen; and
3 **WHEREAS,** These shootings have caused massive loss for families across the nation;
4 and
5 **WHEREAS,** The ability to save lives has been unobtainable without
6 the use of force in return; now therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation that United States School District Employees
9 shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun on their person
10 and the use of such weapon is permitted.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sudan High School.



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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Wellman-Union.



A Resolution Banning E-Cigarettes

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Whereas, e-cigarettes are being touted as a way to help smokers quit smoking despite the lack of evidence to support this claim, and

Whereas, many experts worry that they will become a gateway to regular cigarettes because they contain nicotine, and

Whereas, flavor and scent enhancers may attract children to smoking, and

Whereas, the health effects of e-cigarettes are unknown due to lack of research, and

Whereas, there are currently no regulations on e-cigarettes,

Be it resolved, by the student congress here assembled that all e-cigarettes be banned for use by minors as well as wherever traditional cigarettes are currently banned.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School



A Resolution to Annex the Moon

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The moon has never supported any permanent human habitation, therefore qualifying for the
2 distinction of *terra nullius*; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The doctrine of *terra nullius* allows for nations to settle and claim unoccupied lands; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Construction of a permanent human settlement on the moon would solidify claims of territorial
5 possession over the moon for the United States; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The moon is rich in natural resources, including water, Helium-3, titanium, and uranium; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States is currently kept from settling the moon by the Outer Space Treaty; now,
8 therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled withdraw from the Outer Space Treaty; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States construct permanent human colonies on the moon and annex the moon.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



A Resolution to Protect America's Homeless Population

- 1 **WHEREAS,** At any given time over 3 million Americans are homeless; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Homelessness is often the result of a sudden and traumatic life experience rather than as a result
3 of laziness or incompetence; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Crimes committed against individuals because of their status as homeless are growing in quantity
5 and ferocity; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Homeless victims of crime are often targeted specifically for their status as homeless; and
7 **WHEREAS,** Current Federal law continues to ignore this growing epidemic of violent crimes motivated by
8 extreme animus against homeless individuals; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act
10 so as to include the homeless in the definitions section of hate crimes.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



A Bill to Declare Illegal Synthetic Cannabinoids and Compound Drugs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It is unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture, distribute, sell, or
3 cultivate any form of synthetic cannabinoid, compound drug, or sister
4 compound.

5 **SECTION 2.** A synthetic cannabinoid shall be defined as any chemical compound that
6 is chemically synthesized and has been demonstrated to have binding
7 activity on one or more cannabinoid receptors. A compound shall be
8 defined as anything that is composed of two or more separate elements;
9 a sister compound shall be defined as any compound derivative of or
10 similar in composition to known any psychoactive drug.

11 **SECTION 3.** The government agency overseeing the enforcement of this bill will be
12 the DEA.

13 A. Any violation of an ordinance declared by the DEA on this matter shall
14 be punishable by a fine of between \$500 and \$5,000.

15 B. A second offense will be punishable by a fine between of up to
16 \$100,000 and three years imprisonment.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by North Lamar High School.



A Resolution to Support Genetic Modification of Mosquitoes

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Diseases such as malaria and dengue fever are transmitted through the bite of
2 infected mosquitoes; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** According to the World Health Organization, about 3.4 billion people – half of
4 the world's population – are at risk of malaria; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Malaria kills over one million people worldwide each year; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Dengue fever infects 50 million people worldwide, kills over a million each year;
7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Dengue fever has no cure or vaccine; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled support the introduction of genetically
10 modified mosquitoes into the wild mosquito population.
- 11 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.*



A Bill to Lift the Cuban Embargo to Better Foreign Relations with Cuba

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

2 **SECTION 1.** With a lift on the embargo on Cuba it will better our relations with Cuba
3 and spread our democratic ideals.

4 **SECTION 2.** The aforementioned embargo is the ban of commercial goods and
5 services to and from Cuba, enacted by the United States.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Treasury enforces the ban now, thus the transition
7 period between the ban being lifted will be handled by that specific
8 organization.

9 **SECTION 4.** The ban and all of its effects will be lifted by October 2017.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Jakob Lucas, Devon Mazac, Sarah Smith. (Texas City High School).



A Resolution to Abolish the Department of Education

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Powers not expressly enumerated to the federal government are
2 reserved for the states; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution does not expressly give Congress authority to regulate
4 education policy in the states; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Different states have different educational needs based on myriad
6 factors; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The principle behind federalism prefers local solutions to local problems;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Each succeeding year of federally controlled public education sees worse
10 result for the billions spent; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled abolish the Department of Education.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by James Madison High School (SA, TX).