



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.

1 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Franklin High School*



A Bill to Increase Economic Investment in India

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States increase economic investment in India to increase
3 bilateral and regional trade.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic investment shall be defined as infrastructure investment that
5 Indian commerce so desperately needs.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of the
7 bill.

8 **A.** In order to ensure the effective implementation of this bill the
9 Department of Commerce will initially invest 35 billion dollars in
10 India's Department of Infrastructure for a 2 year time period.

11 **B.** If the investment is properly implemented the Department of
12 Commerce will continue to invest, by an annual rate of 12 billion
13 dollars.

14 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented within 6 months of passage.

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

1 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Coronado High School*



A Resolution Regarding Antibiotics

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Microbes that cause pneumonia and blood infections in the wounds of
2 military service members are becoming increasingly resistant; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Many illnesses no longer respond well to antibiotics being used to treat
4 them; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Resistant strains of bacteria usually found only in hospitals are now being
6 found in more common locations in communities; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Americans take antibiotics as a reaction to colds, sore throats, and
8 earaches when they are not necessary and doctors overprescribe them to
9 satisfy their patients; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** More potent antibiotics are not developed because drug manufacturers
11 are placing emphasis on drugs for heart disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and
12 depression; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation that tax breaks be offered to drug companies for the
15 development of new antibiotics and that doctors be discouraged from
16 frivolous prescriptions of antibiotics.

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A Resolution Regarding Invasive Plants

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Invasive plants are nonnative species that are capable of moving
2 aggressively into a habitat and monopolizing resources such as light,
3 water, and space to the detriment of other species; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Estimates indicate that invasive plants are spreading at the rate of about
5 4,600 acres per day; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Land values may drop to as low as 10% of their original values when
7 infested with invasive plants; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** When new plant species are introduced, they come without natural
9 predators; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Many invasive plants have aggressive root systems, produce large
11 numbers of seeds, and cast extremely dense shade beneath which
12 natural vegetation cannot survive; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The fruits and seeds of many invasive plants are considered “junk food”
14 for the animals that eat them, requiring them to eat more frequently;
15 now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
17 recommendation that the intentional planting of invasive plant species
18 be restricted.

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A Resolution to Eliminate First Past the Post Voting

- 1 **WHEREAS,** First past the post or also known as winner take all has been in place in
2 the United States and has caused the creation of two party systems; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** First past the post has proven to undermine democracy and shut down
4 the voices of the majority of Americans. First past the post is the cause of
5 the Spoiler Effect.; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Many individuals are elected without having near the majority of the
7 votes of Americans. First past the post creates a minority rule; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The alternative vote works more effectively and allows for small parties a
9 better chance of being elected. The alternative vote eliminates the
10 Spoiler Effect; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation that we eliminate first past the post voting and replace
13 it with alternative vote.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mountain View HS.



A Resolution to Encourage the United Nations to Add a South American Nation or Nations to the Security Council

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations is an international organization created by several
2 nations world wide, however it does not include nations from every
3 continent; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations is an international organization committed to
5 maintaining world peace, security, and promoting social progress through
6 its Security Council; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Currently, the permanent members are the People’s Republic of China,
8 France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, and the United States; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** South American nations have growing economies, and can potentially
10 become major world powers, such as Brazil; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation that the United States encourage the United Nations to
13 include South American nations such as Brazil to its permanent Security
14 Council, because it is a world organization .

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Coronado HS.



A Resolution to Increase the Amount of Financial Aid Loan Limit

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the cost of college tuition is increasing each year; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** 71.4% of full time college students rely on federal aid each year to pay for
- 3 tuition and books; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** each full time undergraduate dependent student has a subsidized and
- 5 unsubsidized aggregate loan limit of \$31,000; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** each full time undergraduate independent student has a limit of \$57,500
- 7 aggregate loan limit; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** due to a lack of money for tuition most students do not finish school or
- 9 take longer to obtain their degree; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 11 recommendation that the aggregate loan limit should be increased to
- 12 \$36,000 for undergraduate dependent students and \$62,000 for
- 13 undergraduate independent students.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mountain View HS.



A Resolution to Increase Transparency in FISA Courts

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The FISA court has already ruled in favor of governmental intrusion of
2 American citizens; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** More transparency in the courts decisions may decrease the unfavorable
4 rulings infringing on privacy; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The US prides itself on personal freedoms; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Privacy is critical to personal freedoms; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation that the Congress significantly increase transparency in
9 FISA court rulings.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Coronado HS.



A Resolution to Regulate Food Items Bought with Supplemental Food Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) was created to
2 ensure that American families have healthy food to put on their tables;
3 and
4 **WHEREAS,** The amount of families being placed on SNAP has increased in the past 8
5 years due to the increase of unemployment; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The American Heart Association has stated that 1 in 3 children ages 2-19
7 are overweight and 1 in 6 children ages 2-19 are obese; and
8 **WHEREAS,** It is important to regulate the type of food children eat at a young age to
9 ensure a healthy lifestyle; now, therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation that the United States Department of Agriculture Food
12 and Nutrition Service provide a detailed list with only healthy foods that
13 families will be allowed to buy through SNAP.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Terms of Supreme Court Justices

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

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

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ARTICLE --

10 **SECTION 1:** The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States shall be limited to
11 no more than 16 years of service to the Court, excepting that a justice is
12 appointed upon the death or resignation of another by the President of
13 the United States. In the event that a justice is appointed in this manner,
14 he shall be allowed 16 years of service in addition to the remainder of the
15 term to which he is appointed. Upon passage of this legislation, all sitting
16 members of the court are exempt from its effects.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by North Lamar High School.



A Resolution to Require On-Duty Police Officers to Wear Body Cameras

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There is a lack of trust between law enforcement and citizens; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The use of video recording technology would allow for an unbiased
- 3 documentation of interactions between police and citizens; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Citizens frequently question the accountability measures taken when
- 5 police misconduct occurs; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Current implementation of police body cameras have seen an overall
- 7 decrease in use-of-force complaints; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Eyewitness testimonies are unreliable and often biased; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Video recordings from police body cameras will enhance the
- 10 department's ability to gather and preserve evidence; now, therefore, be
- 11 it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled require on-duty police officers to
- 13 wear body cameras.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Taylor High School



A Bill to Cap Campaign Donations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All campaign donations in federal elections will be capped at \$250 million
3 per candidate.

4 **SECTION 2.** Donations shall include all monies given to a candidate for the purposes
5 of campaigning for a federally elected position. Sources of the donation
6 will not affect the cap. A candidate may not raise more than \$250 million
7 dollars for election campaigning.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will keep a tally of each candidate's funds
9 raised for the election period.

10 A. Candidates found in violation of this law will have all campaign
11 donation funds confiscated and donated to their home state's
12 department of education.

13 B. Candidates in compliance with this law will receive public
14 endorsement from the IRS for fair campaign spending practices
15 during the election period.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect beginning with the 2016 elections.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hallsville High School.



A Bill to Pass the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A-PLUS) Act will be
3 passed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The A-PLUS Act would provide states with an opportunity to opt out of
5 the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law and instead their NCLB funding will
6 be given to the states in the form of block grants.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill
8 on a national level as the bill deals with a federal law.

9 A. Under A-PLUS, if two of three state entities (such as a state's
10 governor, legislature, and state commissioner or superintendent) sign
11 a declaration of intent to opt out of NCLB, then the U.S Department
12 of Energy must grant the state flexibility in how they spend the block
13 grants

14 B. States must still abide by federal civil rights laws and show a
15 narrowing of achievement gaps.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Richard King High School.



A Bill to Preserve Net Neutrality

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will be required to freely and publicly
3 disclose the prices, download speeds, and upload speeds of the services
4 they provide to their customers.

5 **SECTION 2.** ISPs shall not block or inhibit access to lawful Internet content.

6 **SECTION 3.** ISPs shall not unreasonably discriminate against consumers when
7 transmitting lawful internet content.

8 **SECTION 4.** ISPs shall not prioritize the traffic of certain Internet content providers
9 over others.

10 **SECTION 5.** The Federal Communications Commission will oversee the
11 implementation of this Bill.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Gregory-Portland High School.



A Bill to Sanction Oil Imports from Venezuela

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will sanction oil imports from Venezuela.

3 **SECTION 2.** Oil import sanctions can be reduced to current levels if the Venezuelan
4 government agrees to release key political prisoners and implement
5 reforms outlined by the opposition party.

6 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be carried out by the United States State
7 Department.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted by January 1, 2016.

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

1 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*



A Resolution to Strengthen Financial Oversight to Prevent Money Laundering

1 **WHEREAS,** \$3 trillion is laundered every year by criminal and terrorist organizations
2 worldwide, often through large, trans-national banking corporations; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Such funds received through illicit activities are disguised as legal funds
4 and introduced into streams of legitimate commerce and finance; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Such funds often go towards terrorist organizations, drug cartels,
6 organized criminals and kleptocratic regimes; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Recipients of laundered money often use their finances to do harm to
8 U.S. interests through terrorist activities and criminal enterprises; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation for the enactment of harsher punishments on
12 individuals and organizations found to be complicit in money laundering;
13 and, be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That "whistle-blowers" and individuals who reveal instances of
15 banking fraud, laundering, and other misconduct are to be afforded full
16 protection under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Kerr High School.



A Bill to Protect Unaccompanied Child Immigrants

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The US federal government will establish a procedure for processing
3 unaccompanied child immigrants including providing temporary secure
4 shelters.

5 **SECTION 2.** UAC is an undocumented person under the age of 16 crossing the border
6 with no parental or other family supervision.

7 **SECTION 3.** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) will collaborate with Child
8 Welfare to determine a child's placement.

9 **A.** Anyone 16 years of age or older will be treated as an adult for
10 immigration purposes.

11 **B.** Child Welfare will attempt to identify the child's parents through
12 cooperation with the government of the child's country of origin and
13 make the necessary arrangements to return the child to his or her home
14 country.

15 **C.** If the parents cannot be identified, the child's records will indicate that
16 he or she is officially permanently without parents for purposes of
17 immigration.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately on passage. Any child currently in
19 custody will be processed under this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional debate by Magnolia High School

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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.