



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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.



A Resolution to Reduce the Minimum Drinking Age to 18

- 1 **WHEREAS,** U.S. citizens can choose the next president and die for their country at
2 the age of 18; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** They cannot consume or purchase alcohol legally until the age of 21; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This establishes a “double-standard” for what constitutes a legal adult;
5 now, therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make a recommendation to
7 reduce the minimum drinking age to 18.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Boling High School.



A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States embargo against the nation of Cuba will be completely
3 and fully abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Cuban Embargo, a restriction on international trade between the
5 United States and Cuba since February 7th 1962.

6 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will declare an end to the United States embargo
7 against Cuba, allowing trade to resume.

8 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect July 1st, 2016.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Van Vleck High School



A Bill to Secure the Border to Mexico

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The border between the U.S. and Mexico is secured, so that no more
3 unaccompanied minors can get across.

4 **SECTION 2.** To make a formal plan on how to deal with the minors immigrating
5 into the United States.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Border Patrol will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

7 A. They will follow the new orders put in place by this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This new bill will be put in place on January 4th, 2015.

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

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A Resolution to Regulate the Contents of Energy Drinks

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The consumption of energy drinks such as Amp, Monster, and 5 Hour
2 Energy has caused health problems across the nation; and
3 **WHEREAS,** an energy drink with less sugar, caffeine, and taurine would still have an
4 energizing effect; and
5 **WHEREAS,** that energy drink would result in fewer illnesses from over consumption;
6 now, therefore be it
7 **WHEREAS,** Use additional “whereas” clauses to elaborate rationale for the problem
8 that needs to be solved; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for reduced sugar, caffeine, and taurine contents in
11 energy drinks.

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A Resolution to Reform the International Border Water Commission

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the International Border Water Commission between the United States
2 and Mexico is defective; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** people have the right to access clean water, but the water near the
4 Tijuana River is polluted; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** this pollution is causing the beaches to stop swimming privileges which
6 causes them to close down; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** reports show that the same polluted water is causing numerous health
8 issues near Tijuana and San Diego; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled reform the IBWC in order to make-
10 up for twenty years' worth of sewage problems in the region.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School



A Resolution to Decommission the NSA to Promote Transparency

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The National Surveillance Agency (NSA) has been gathering surveillance
2 abusive to the United States people; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The majority of the NSA's surveillance is done without warrants, probable
4 cause, or reasonability; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This invasion of privacy is very detrimental to the legitimacy of the United
6 States government; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
8 to decommission the NSA; and, be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States will strive to promote transparency with
10 the United States people.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clear Creek High School



A RESOLUTION TO STOP AIDING SYRIAN REBEL GROUPS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** The United States has been providing Syrian rebels weapons since mid-
3 September; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Foreign nations have urged the United States to not interfere in the revolution;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS,** Nations like the United Kingdom have begun withdrawing military aid from the
7 region; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Humanitarian aid, specifically food and medical aid, is more successful in
9 combating death in the area; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled stop all aid directed towards funding
11 Syrian rebel groups with arms or humanitarian assistance.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Houston Lamar High School.



A Bill to Expand the Selective Service System

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All American citizens shall register in the Selective Service System
3 upon turning 18 years old, regardless of gender.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for overseeing
5 implementation of this bill.

6 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this bill will be effective six months from the date
7 of enactment.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall not affect females who turned 18 prior to the
9 implementation date.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.



A Bill to Institute Federal Oversight in Assisted Living Facilities

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall institute federal
3 oversight for all state licensed assisted living facilities.

4 **SECTION 2.** Assisted living facilities include Type I – Assisted Living Facilities,
5 Type II – Assisted Living Facilities and Small Health Care Facilities.

6 **SECTION 3.** A congressional panel will determine the federal guidelines of
7 oversight. The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce
8 the desired course of action.

9 **SECTION 4.** The law shall take effect January 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Dimmitt High School.



A Resolution to Increase Funding to NASA to Increase Innovation

- WHEREAS,** the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA, has seen its budget drop from 4% of the United States' budget to less than 0.5% in less than 50 years; and
- WHEREAS,** NASA must rely on other nations to conduct missions, including the Russian Federation as the sole means to reach the International Space Station, or ISS; and
- WHEREAS,** Future budget cuts will continue to undermine NASA's ability to conduct its missions; and
- WHEREAS,** NASA's past exploration resulted in numerous innovations that benefited not just the United States but also the citizens of the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Increased privatization of space still requires the leadership and innovation of NASA; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that NASA's budget for the 2015 fiscal year be increased to 5% of the total national budget.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Galveston-Ball HS.



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.

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