



A Resolution to Revise the Attorney Client Privilege to Enable Truth Seeking

1 **WHEREAS,** The content of communications held between defendants and attorneys
2 be transcribed and relayed to the prosecution, to allow transparency and
3 facilitate due process of law; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The attorney-client privilege is defined as: communications made by a
5 client to an attorney under the following circumstances: (1) where legal
6 advice of any kind is sought from an attorney in his capacity as such, (2)
7 the communications relating to that purpose, (3) made in confidence by
8 the client, (4) are at his insistence permanently protected from disclosure
9 by the client or the attorney, (5) unless that protection is waived; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The current status of the attorney-client privilege prevents true
11 distribution of Justice as the private contents between a defendant and
12 his/her counsel should prove no threat to those innocent but provide a
13 false verdict for those truly guilty.; and

14 **WHEREAS,** The private contents of communications between attorneys and clients
15 should be made accessible to prosecutors during trial periods to enable
16 truth-seeking to occur; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
18 recommendation for solution to revise the Attorney-Client Privilege as it
19 is today to be accessible to prosecutors during trial periods; and, be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the contents made accessible by this resolution will remain
21 private and not to be put into public record should the defendant be
22 found innocent.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Westfield High School.



A Bill to Redirect Government Funding to Promote Domestic Health

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense take a mandatory 20% cut from the
3 proposed \$526.6 Billion budget for fiscal year 2014. These funds will be
4 distributed for the improvement of Domestic Social Programs.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Domestic Social Programs” are defined as, but not limited to,
6 infrastructural development, social security, medicare, education, and
7 federal research funding.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Funding Allocation Committee will be in charge of the
9 distribution of these funds.

10 **A.** This committee will be compromised of 50 representatives from
11 across the political spectrum, to be selected by the Speaker of the
12 House after nomination by their respective parties.

13 **B.** Upon creation, this committee will allocate funding to those
14 programs in need.

15 **C.** Programs in need of funding will be determined by the Congressional
16 Budget Office, which will provide a master list of budgetary.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately after its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School.



A Bill to return to the moon to prepare to go to Mars

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall switch its goal from leaving L.E.O. and landing on
3 an asteroid to returning to the moon in order to prepare to go to Mars.

4 **SECTION 2.** L.E.O. shall be defined as low earth orbit or any space travel below an
5 altitude of 2,000 kilometers. Returning to the moon shall be defined as
6 landing on the moon. Preparing to go to Mars shall include all tests that
7 are expected to be needed in order to reach Mars and return safely.

8 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautical and Space Administration or NASA shall over
9 see the implementation of this bill.

10 A. Five Billion USD shall be re-appropriated from the Department of
11 Defense's budget to NASA's budget annually to cover the cost of the
12 implementation of this bill.

13 B. Any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year it was appropriated
14 in shall be returned to the Department of Defense.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2018 and the first
16 landing on the moon shall occur before 2050.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Creek 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 Bill to increase excise taxes to benefit the general health of the nation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will increase the excise taxes on
3 items such as but not limited to: tobacco products, alcohol, gambling, fast
4 food, sugary foods and beverages.

5 **SECTION 2.** Sugary foods are here by recognized by the United States Congress as
6 being a processed food that has an excessive amount of sugar as
7 designated by the Food and Drug Administration. The United States
8 Congress also recognizes general health as being in good condition
9 economically, medically, and fiscally.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco
11 and Firearms will oversee the implementation and shall be provided rule
12 making authority for the implementation of this Act.

13 A. The FDA and ATF will determine which specific items receive a tax
14 increase.

15 B. The FDA and ATF will focus on items that have the worst influence on
16 the nations general health.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by 2017.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Friendswood High School.



A Bill to enforce readiness highlighting speech to prepare for real world networking

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This new policy would strictly enforce the implementation of speech
3 readiness to release students prepared for the interactions they will
4 encounter with members of society.

5 **SECTION 2.** Interactions with members of society include, but are not limited to;
6 being able to use formal speech with employers/employees presenting
7 formal presentations/speeches to coworkers, or using formal language to
8 communicate with someone at a global platform.

9 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be enforced by the Legislative branch.

10 A. Speech skills need to begin being implemented at a young age, if kids
11 are Speech skills need to begin being implement at a young age, if
12 kids are teach them these skills when they are older. School will be
13 required to: instead of offering music/art at the elementary level,
14 have a class on interacting with peers. At the middle/high school
15 level speech classes will be treated as important as any other core
16 subjects.

17 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will begin August 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Anahuac High School.



A Resolution to Retire the United States Drone Strike Program to Promote an Effective Foreign Policy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Drone strikes abroad cause civilian harms and increase anti-American
2 sentiment; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Drone strikes effectiveness is clearly outweighed by the harms of
4 increased anti American sentiment and civilian casualties; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The drone strike program has not only facilitated terrorist recruitment
6 but has caused economic hardship on host countries; now, therefore, be
7 it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled in an effort to promote an effective
9 foreign policy will prohibit the United States to engage in drone strikes.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clear Creek High School.



A Resolution to Provide Economic Aid to Azerbaijan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Azerbaijan’s precarious geographic location between Russia and Iran has
2 caused the suffering of its economy; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States could gain a valuable geopolitical ally in the region if
4 aid from the US was given to Azerbaijan’s Ministry of the Economy to be
5 distributed throughout the private sector so as to offset hard economic
6 times in Azerbaijan caused by Russian-Iranian relations; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Aid will be evenly split as half public infrastructural aid in conjunction
8 with private aid specifically directed towards Azerbaijan’s private sector;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The United States Department of State will oversee that funding given to
11 Azerbaijan is used correctly and efficiently to ensure optimum economic
12 success; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Azerbaijan will be aided in the amount of \$0.9 billion per year for three
14 years; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
16 for solution.

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 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 Bill to Raise the Legal Drinking Age in the U.S. to 25 Years of Age

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The current legal drinking age in the United States will be changed to 25
3 years of age.

4 **SECTION 2.** The national minimum drinking age was established in 1984, Congress
5 passed a law penalizing states that allowed anyone younger than 21 to
6 buy alcohol.

7 A. Almost 73 percent of college students drink at least sometimes, and
8 the average male freshman in college drinks an average of 7.4
9 alcoholic beverages per week. Nearly one third of college students
10 have missed a class because of drinking, and one fifth failed an exam
11 for the same reason. Almost 90 percent of sexual assaults on college
12 campuses involve alcohol.

13 B. If the drinking age were to be raised to 25, most students on campus
14 would be underage, and as some hope, it could curtail the excessive
15 drinking and resulting negative consequences.

16 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be carried out by the United States
17 Government and The Juvenile Justice System.

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

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

1 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clear Brook High School.*



A Resolution to Legalize Organ Trafficking to Save Lives

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The enormous demand for organs is impossible to meet under the
2 current system; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Currently over 80,000 people are on waiting lists for organ transplants;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of patients on the waiting lists die annually; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Organ trafficking has become an organized crime that exploits and abuses
7 desperate and impoverished people, especially in developing nations;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Open market sales of organs carries strong social stigmas; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Organ trafficking results in theft, scandal, kidnapping, and fraud; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Illegal harvesting of organs is an inhumane crime that has grown
12 exponentially in the past few decades; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled pass a resolution to legalize
14 the trade and sale of organs in an effort to both save lives and reduce the
15 illegal black market trade of organs; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the social stigma of open market sales of organs be
17 combatted to reduce that stigma.

18 *Introduced for congressional debate by Elkins High School*



A Resolution to Eliminate Restrictions on Food in Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Students' freedoms are being taken away by their inability to choose
2 what they are able to spend their money on; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The current stipulations go too far in taking away what can and can't be
4 sold in the schools; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** School organizations are restricted on what they can and can't sell for
6 fundraisers; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Schools can make more money with much more popular choices to
8 choose from; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that we eliminate the restrictions
10 on what food can be served and sold at schools with the exception for
11 students purchasing food on the free and reduced lunch program.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alief Hastings 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 Resolution to open the United States Borders to Immigration

- 1 **WHEREAS,** our current immigration system is universally considered broken; and
2 **WHEREAS,** further attempts to tighten the border are counterproductive; and
3 **WHEREAS,** it is unjust that capital moves freely across borders but labor does not;
4 and
5 **WHEREAS,** immigration helps the economy; and
6 **WHEREAS,** border spending is out of control; and
7 **WHEREAS,** America has historically welcomed the oppressed; and
8 **WHEREAS,** Open borders allow people, not their place of birth, to control their lives;
9 now, therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled create an open border
11 immigration model.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mayde Creek 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 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 Bill to create a National Mental Health Registry to Prevent Hostile Situations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A mental health registry must be created in order to prevent the harm of
3 others and the mentally unstable themselves, as well as prevent the
4 unnecessary usage of police intervention.

5 **SECTION 2.** To qualify as mentally unstable under this legislation, one must have
6 been clinically diagnosed or have been admitted to a mental institution.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation will enforce this bill by criminalizing
8 the act of knowing by failing to register mental illnesses. Including mental
9 institutions registering their patient.

10 A. A government website must also be created in order for people to
11 search their address and know their surroundings.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enforced as of January of 2018.

13 **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, and Sarah Smith (Texas City High School).



A Resolution to establish Net Neutrality

1 **WHEREAS,** The state of the Open Internet is currently challenged by Internet Service
2 Providers who currently control the speed and pricing of internet services
3 across the nation; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The United States' internet and telecommunications markets are
5 dominated by providers who manipulate the speed and accessibility of
6 online data to discourage competition and control usage of the internet
7 and internet traffic in the market; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The United States uniquely suffers from this market domination,
9 worsening service and communications on the global scale for common
10 Americans; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Should data be treated unequally by US internet service providers, such
12 markets will stagnate and ultimately harm the economy and those who
13 use the internet as a whole, slowing both innovation and affecting
14 personal freedoms; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
16 recommendation to establish a ban on internet-service provider fast-
17 tracks; and, be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That regulatory powers be given to the Federal Communications
19 Commission and the Department of Internal Affairs as a jointed effort.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Westfield High School



A Bill to Combat the Use of Military Weapons by U.S. Police Forces

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

2 **SECTION 1.** United States police forces will no longer be allowed to inherit weapons
3 that have previously been owned by the United States military.

4 **SECTION 2.** A Free Press review of items transferred from the military since 2006
5 shows Michigan law enforcement agencies have received 17 Mine
6 Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles or MRAPs, built to counter roadside
7 bombs; 1,795 M16 rifles, the U.S. military's combat weapon of choice;
8 696 M14 rifles; 530 bayonet and scabbards; 165 utility trucks; 32 12-
9 gauge, riot-type shotguns; nine grenade launchers; and three observation
10 helicopters.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Government and each individual state will oversee the
12 implementation of this bill.
13 A. Any officer caught using unauthorized military weapons will be put on
14 a temporary leave of absence until the U.S. Government can
15 administer a proper punishment.

16 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of this bill will go into effect within six months of
17 passage. U.S. police forces have 3 months to return the weapons or store
18 all weapons away.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Clear Brook High School.



A Bill to Require the Timely Processing of Sexual Assault Kits

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All law enforcement agencies in the United States and its territories will
3 be required to submit forensic evidence gathered in sexual assault cases
4 for laboratory processing within 90 days of acquisition.

5 **SECTION 2.** Sexual assault kits, also known as rape kits, contain forensic evidence,
6 including DNA, gathered after an alleged rape.

7 **SECTION 3.** All DNA from rape kit testing will be submitted to the national DNA
8 database repository for use by law enforcement nationwide.

9 **SECTION 4.** The US Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and
10 enforcement of this bill.

11 A. States will have one year to clear cases backlogged prior to the
12 passage of this law.

13 B. States who fail to comply with these mandates will risk the loss of all
14 federal law enforcement funding.

15 C. Congress will appropriate \$250 million in grants over the next 3 years
16 to assist states in complying with these mandates.

17 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2016.

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



A Resolution to Invest in Thorium Reactors for a Greener Future.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Current renewable energy sources are not sufficient enough to sustain
3 America's energy problems.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nations such as China and India are now competing on a global level for
5 Thorium production, and Thorium technology is far superior than past
6 nuclear options

7 **SECTION 3.** That the Congress here assembled invest 1 billion dollars in the first five
8 year period to the research and development of Liquid Thorium Nuclear
9 Reactors and an additional 100 million annually thereafter.

10 **SECTION 4.** That after five years, if the investment has been unsuccessful, all funding
11 will be stopped.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School.



A Resolution to Increase Medical Aid to Western Africa

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Ebola virus continues to spread through Western Africa at an
- 2 unprecedented rate; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** more than 2100 people have died from the virus in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra
- 4 and Nigeria, which is more than all previous outbreaks combined; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the rate of infection is skyrocketing with the World Health Organization
- 6 (WHO) estimating that infection cases may soon top 20,000; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the virus threatens to overwhelm the already fragile health care systems
- 8 in the affected nations; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the region is suffering from massive shortages of protective equipment
- 10 and field-experienced medical practitioners; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** failure of the international community to contain the current Ebola
- 12 outbreak risks both the international spread of the virus and virus
- 13 mutation; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should increase
- 15 funding for the WHO and/or medical NGOs by \$50 million to combat the
- 16 Ebola virus in Western Africa.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School.