



A Bill to Apply Laws Justly

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any law that reduces the penalty for a crime or legalizes a previously
3 illegal activity shall be applied retroactively.

4 **SECTION 2.** This bill shall apply to all federal, state, and local laws.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this law.

6 A. Anyone incarcerated for a crime that is no longer a crime or is no
7 longer punishable by incarceration shall have their release expedited
8 to occur within 30 days after the new law goes into effect. This law
9 applies only to serving the sentence. The offender's record will reflect
10 the crime as it was at the time of conviction.

11 B. Anyone who has completed a sentence based on the maximum
12 penalties specified in the new law shall have their release expedited
13 to occur within 60 days after the new law goes into effect.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect within 30 days of passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional debate by Magnolia High School



A Bill to Ban the use of GMO's in food

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Use of GMOS in the United States shall be banned.

3 **SECTION 2.** GMOS will be defined as a genetically modified organisms.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall be responsible for
5 the enforcement of this provision.

6 **SECTION 4.** This law shall begin enforcement on January 2016.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Porter High School.



A BILL TO PROHIBIT MILITARY SURPLUS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Local police forces and schools will be prohibited from acquiring surplus
3 materials from the United States military.

4 **SECTION 2.** Surplus materials include weapons, vehicles, and protective gear no
5 longer required by the military.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this bill
7 by prohibiting the shipment of military surplus to local communities and
8 schools.

9 **SECTION 4.** The law will be enacted on January 31, 2015.

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

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A Resolution to Demilitarize Domestic Police Units

- 1 **WHEREAS,** domestic police units are becoming increasingly militarized; and
2 **WHEREAS,** federal grants place few restrictions on the usage of military equipment
3 provided; and
4 **WHEREAS,** the aforementioned grants require little training for equipment usage;
5 and
6 **WHEREAS,** these grants provide for equipment associated with operations of
7 wartime conflict, including: body armor, vehicles and surveillance
8 equipment; and
9 **WHEREAS,** these grants have cost the American people over \$35 billion since 2002;
10 and
11 **WHEREAS,** granted military-grade equipment's usage escalated conflict during the
12 Ferguson unrest; now, therefore, be it
13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend that the United States
14 should demilitarize its domestic police forces and cease all grants of
15 military-grade equipment to local authorities.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sealy High School.



A Resolution to Ban Class Ranks In Public Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The use of class ranks creates unhealthy competition and stress among
2 high school students; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The class rank may not be an accurate reflection of a student's mastery of
4 course work; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This competition discourages students from cooperative learning and
6 assisting their peers for fear of losing their position; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This competition also discourages students from taking the risk of
8 enrolling in more rigorous courses; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** There is often very little difference in GPA among the students in the top
10 10%; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Class rank has become a defining factor in a student's self-worth; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The competition for class rank is responsible for numerous social and
13 psychological issues for student's; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** This struggle often begins before a student ever enters high school; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** Major colleges and universities are using class rank less to evaluate
16 prospective students; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled prohibit the use of class rank by all
18 public schools.

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A Bill to Ban the Export of Coal Resources

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Exports of coal resources internationally will be banned.

3 **SECTION 2.** Coal exports are defined as coal resources that are sold from domestic
4 companies to foreign nations to be used to power industrial plants.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this Bill on
6 the national level.

7 A. To ensure success the Department of Treasury will monitor exports to
8 specific nations.

9 B. Companies in violation shall be subject to fines of triple the value of
10 the sale attempted.

11 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Montgomery High School



A Bill to improve United States currency regulation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall replace the dollar bill with the dollar
3 coin.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will enforce this bill and be
5 overseen by the Department of Treasury.

6 **SECTION 3.** This law will go into effect starting January 1st 2015 in every United States
7 State and territory.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to restrict consecutive working hours of health care providers.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill places restrictions on the working hours of health care providers,
3 limiting consecutive work hours to 16 hours with a minimum break of 8
4 hours between consecutive work days.

5 **SECTION 2.** Health care providers are defined as any hospital or health care
6 employees with direct or indirect patient contact. These include all
7 nurses (GN, LVN, RN, NP), all licensed physicians (MD, DO), physicians
8 assistants (PA), and technicians (Radiology, Respiratory Therapy,
9 Laboratory, Surgical, Cardiac Cath Lab) employed by licensed hospitals
10 and clinics.

11 Work hours are defined as any officially recorded and compensated work
12 done by a health care provider in the workplace.

13 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be overseen by Joint Commission
14 through audit of employee work history.

15 A. Failure to comply will result in suspension of the individual health
16 care provider's pay for double the time worked outside of the set
17 limit. A second offense will result in a day's suspension from work.
18 The third offense will result in a week's suspension from work. The
19 fourth will result in two weeks of suspension from work. The fifth
20 offense will be grounds for dismissal.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be in effect on January 1, 2015.

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

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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.

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A Resolution to Increase International Space Cooperation

- WHEREAS,** NASA is not allowed to work with the Russian and Chinese Space agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** Bans are due to a supposed national security threat from the Chinese space agency and Russia's handling of crisis in Ukraine; and
- WHEREAS,** Even during the cold war the relationship between NASA and Russian Federal Space agency was strong and they worked together; and
- WHEREAS,** Failure to work together is harming the future of Space Exploration and endangers the International Space System; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled increase space exploration between NASA and the European and Russian space agencies.

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A Resolution to remove sanctions on Iran to foster healthier bilateral relations with the Middle East

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The nation of Iran is subjected to sanctions due to a suspected nuclear
2 weapons program; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** These sanctions target every major area of the Iranian economy, harming
4 U.S foreign relations to the Middle East and preventing the ability of Iran
5 to progress as an economic power; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** These sanctions harm the citizens of Iran by perpetuating a failing
7 economy and fostering Anti-American sentiment within the middle-east;
8 now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for solution: The US should lift all sanctions on the
11 Iranian economy; and, be it that unless there is a present and clearly
12 proven danger to the United States of America, there should be no future
13 sanctions upon Iran.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Montgomery High School



A Bill to Revise Dodd-Frank to Lessen Russian Influence on American Companies

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act will be expanded to include any
3 payments to and/or from the Russian Government, Russian State-owned
4 companies or Russian subsidiary companies to any company owned or
5 operated United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Section 1504 of Dodd-Frank requires that all oil and gas
7 companies disclose all payments to government entities regardless of the
8 potential for illegality.

9 B. Russian state-owned companies or Russian subsidiaries are any
10 company or government that is funded either in part or in whole by the
11 Russian Government, and/or is run by someone who has worked for the
12 Russian government at any time in the past, and/or has any member or
13 former member of the Duma or the Russian government bureaucracy on
14 their board of directors.

15 C. American owned or operated means any company that has its
16 headquarters in the United States or has more than 50% of its workforce
17 in the United States.

18 **SECTION 3.** The SEC and Department of State will enforce this bill

19 A. Any company not in compliance with this bill would be fined \$1
20 million for every month when it is not in compliance, with the fine
21 doubling every month.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect no later than June 12th, 2016.

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

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A Bill to Fund the Mars Direct Plan to Begin the Exploration of Mars

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 50 billion dollars over 12 years will be appropriated to fund the Mars Direct plan.

SECTION 2. The Mars Direct Plan is defined as a Mars exploration plan using 2 direct launches from earth to send first, a earth return vehicle powered by propellant produced from Carbon Dioxide in the Martian atmosphere and later, a crew habitat and crew. The plan is considered to be the plan of the same name described in the book The Case for Mars by Robert Zubrin, and on the website and attached report of the Mars Society.

SECTION 3. This funding will be added to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's budget, and will be used it to ramp up their existing efforts.

- A. This funding is guaranteed for the 12 year period, and must not be cut off unless in case of grievous and intentional misuse.
- B. The first mission is loosely targeted for 2024, not including first a single test lunar mission and Martian sample return mission using the same technology, after which in phase 2 \$3.5 billion dollars a year would be used to continue the program.
- C. The mission will be launched with NASA's 2nd generation Space launch system, and funding from the bill many be appropriated towards the system and used to fast track its development. Funding may also go towards the space science division for the sample return mission.
- D. Technologies necessary to the program may not receive funding from this bill, and all funding will be cut from that technology if the Government accounting office finds that funds have been sent elsewhere.

SECTION 4. The funding will start immediately and will decrease to phase 2 levels after the first successful mission has been flown.

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

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A Bill to Create a State Native Seed Programs to Preserve Native Species

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Agriculture will design and put into action a grant
3 program for schools and colleges to support the maturing of seeds that
4 are native to each region or ecosystem and help restore habitats.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Native Seed” refers to seeds derived from a plant in a particular region
6 or ecosystem.

7 **SECTION 3.** The department will be responsible for developing the specific goals of
8 the preservation program, establishing criteria across the state to
9 evaluate the program’s effectiveness, and ensuring it is met.

10 A. The goals of the preservation program must include the intended
11 results of the program.

12 B. The department will ensure the criteria are complied with gathering,
13 maintain and analyzing the data of the programs.

14 C. The department will establish a Native Seed Center to catalog, store,
15 and distribute native seeds to the programs. The programs will be
16 responsible for the planting and maintenance of the seeds. All data
17 will be sent to the Native Seed Center to be analyzed and recorded.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be implemented on September 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Leon High School.



A Bill to allow nonpartisan organizations to set boundaries for congressional voting districts to prevent gerrymandering

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will appoint non-partisan organizations to draw
3 congressional voting districts.

4 **SECTION 2.** Non-partisan organizations will be well-qualified officials who do not take
5 into account demographics and have no political leanings.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Census bureau will ensure that states are only drawing
7 district lines in uniform population constituencies.

8 **SECTION 4.** The federal government will oversee officials for states to redraw fair
9 districts in time for 2020 United States Census. This process would follow
10 the model of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission which
11 divides California's congressional voting districts.

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A Bill to Admit Puerto Rico as a State in the Union

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are hereby
3 authorized to vote for delegates to form a constitutional convention for
4 the purpose of framing a constitution for the proposed state of Puerto
5 Rico.

6 **SECTION 2.** A qualified elector is any citizen of the United States that has resided in
7 Puerto Rico for 12 months immediately preceding the election.

8 **SECTION 3.** The State of Puerto Rico will be afforded every right and privilege of
9 being a state within the United States.

10 A. The proposed state will receive equal representation as afforded by
11 two senators in the senate, and the appropriate number of
12 representatives in the House of Representatives that the current
13 population of 3.7 million necessitates.

14 **SECTION 4.** The proposed State of Puerto Rico will hold its constitutional convention
15 after the 1st of January 2015, and be admitted as a state on July 4, 2015.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws preventing the creation of the State of Puerto Rico will be
17 declared void.

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Rare Earth Metal Reserve Act (REMRA)

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A National Rare Earth Metal Reserve will be created to hold 60 million
3 cubic meters of each of the seventeen rare earth metals.

4 **SECTION 2.** A rare earth metal is one of a set of seventeen chemical elements in the
5 periodic table as defined by IUPAC.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Bureau of Mines will enforce this bill.

7 A. The Bureau of Mines will conduct a study to determine the best
8 location for the reserve.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect the day after it is passed, and the Reserve
10 should be open within 5 years of passage.

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

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A Bill to Reform America's Jail and Prisons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Prisons and Jails will switch their focus to rehabilitation, remove
3 mandatory minimums and increasing funding for prisoner re-entry
4 programs by \$5 Billion.

5 **SECTION 2.** Rehabilitation is defined as “restoring to useful life, as through therapy
6 and education.”

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for implementing this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented starting at the beginning of fiscal year 2016.

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

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A Bill to Increase Representation of the Several States in the House of Representatives

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives shall be constituted of not less than 700
3 members from the several States.

4 **SECTION 2.** The size of the House will automatically increase after each decennial
5 census so that no member represents more than 500,000 citizens.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau shall submit to the House of
7 Representatives a recommendation for reapportionment based on
8 population after each decennial census.

9 **SECTION 4.** The reapportionment of seats will occur Jan 5, 2021 and be used for the
10 2022 election year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Montgomery High School



A Resolution to reduce cyber-bullying among teens.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Studies shown that cyberbullying (being online through social media/cell
2 phone communication) is as worse as physical bullying, and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 40% of teenagers have reported that they have been cyber bullied online;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** With ending cyber-bullying students will perform better academically,
6 gain a boost of confidence and dramatically end teen suicide; now,
7 therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation for solution: that parents, students, teachers, and
10 schools should submit any cyber-bullying issues and report it to their
11 local law enforcement; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That law enforcement should take down the social media page of
13 the bully and prosecute/fine them in a court of law.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Porter High School.



A Bill to Incentivize Investment in Science and Technology in Singapore

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will substantially incentivize
3 foreign direct investment in the country of Singapore.

4 **SECTION 2.** Foreign direct investment is defined as a direct investment into
5 production or business in a country by an individual company or another
6 country.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in conjunction with the Department of
8 Commerce will oversee the enforcement of a 25% corporate tax cut for
9 companies that invest science and technology in Singapore.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in the next fiscal quarter.

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

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A Bill to Compensate Surface Owners for Damages From Mineral Exploration and Production

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Surface owners shall be compensated when damages to the surface of
3 the land are done in the name of mineral exploration and production.

4 **SECTION 2.** (1) "Mineral developer" refers to a person who acquires a mineral estate
5 or a mineral lease for the purpose of extracting or using minerals from a
6 tract of land for the purposes other than agricultural use.

7 (2) "Surface owner" refers to a person who holds record title to the
8 surface of a tract of land.

9 **SECTION 3.** Surface owners shall be compensated when damage is done to the
10 surface of the land in the name of mineral exploration and production by
11 a mineral developer. Compensation shall be distributed based on: (1) loss
12 of income derived from agricultural use of the land, (2) reduction in the
13 value of the land, (3) loss of access to the surface estate, and (4) loss of
14 the use of the surface of the land. Compensation to the surface owner
15 may be paid for the amount of the damages in annual installments or in a
16 lump-sum payment.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be implemented on September 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Leon High School.



A Bill to Limit Executive Power by Amending the War Powers Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States will be required to seek Congressional
3 authorization prior to any use of military force.

4 **SECTION 2.** Use of military force is defined as any aggressive or coercive action taken
5 by United States Armed Forces, including, but not limited to: air strikes,
6 use of drones and/or deployment of ground forces.

7 **SECTION 3.** If Congress fails to give authorization, no military action will be taken.

8 Violation of the act may result in Articles of Impeachment being filed.

9 A. The President of the United States will no longer be allowed to pursue
10 up to 60 days of unauthorized military action under an amendment to
11 the War Powers Act of 1973.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 5, 2015.

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

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