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A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia in United States Hospitals

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Euthanasia as used by physicians will be authorized for use in United
3 States hospitals.

4 **SECTION 2.** A physician is one lawfully engaged in the practice of medicine.
5 Euthanasia is the act or practice of painlessly putting to death persons
6 suffering from incurable and distressing disease as an act of mercy.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health will oversee the implementation
8 and enforcement of this bill.

9 A. Limitation. Euthanasia may only be permitted for those who have
10 been given six months or less to live, or if only being kept alive by
11 medical intervention.

12 B. Limitation. If the patient is fully conscious and over 18, only the
13 patient must give consent to be euthanized. If unconscious and over
14 18, the patient's family must give consent for the patient to be
15 euthanized. If a minor, the patient and the patient's guardians must
16 give consent for the patient to be euthanized.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately after its enactment.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midlothian Heritage High School.



A Bill to Allow New Pathways to Citizenship through Military Service to Allow for a Streamlined Legal Immigration Process

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Prospective immigrants will be able to join the United States military in
3 order to gain legal citizenship status. Individuals unable to join the United
4 States military due to health reasons may be allowed to become a
5 military civilian in order to receive legal citizenship status. Prospective
6 immigrants will be required to serve for a period of five years in order to
7 gain citizenship status.

8 **SECTION 2.** A military civilian is an individual who is not enlisted in a specific branch
9 of the military, but serves in a military operation such as helping operate
10 a military base.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of
12 this bill.

13 A. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the naturalization
14 process while prospective immigrants are serving.

15 B. The Department of Homeland Security will ensure that prospective
16 immigrants receive the proper education to pass the citizenship test
17 and learn English.

18 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will occur when DACA is officially ended.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Ferris High School.



A Resolution to Limit the Power of Eminent Domain

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States federal government reserves the right to seize and
2 distribute private properties to 3rd party businesses for the sake of
3 economic development; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Average but loyal citizens nationwide are spontaneously forced on the
5 defensive for the sake of business rather than public service and
6 additionally have less influence and power in the courts than
7 corporations when it comes to keeping their properties; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Loyal citizens are unethically evicted from homes by the Federal
9 Government in the hopes of economic stimulation from private industries
10 unaffiliated with the federal government; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The preference of the wealthy over the average individual is harmful to
12 the majority of the population; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend amending the Fifth
14 Amendment of the US Constitution to limit domain solely to public
15 works; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That corporations who wish to claim private properties settle their
17 wishes outside the powers of eminent domain.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School.



A Resolution to Move the Schools' Second Language Classes to Elementary Classes Instead of High School

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current curriculum in the school system has not properly
2 implemented foreign language instruction; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Only 10% of Americans are advanced in a second language, creating a gap
4 in fluency from childhood to adulthood; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** People who are not bilingual are disadvantaged later in their life because
6 of the increased difficulty to learn another language due to numerous
7 obstacles; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The best way to solve this problem is to have students learn a second
9 language in Elementary School instead of Secondary School to increase a
10 student's chance of success in embedding the language; now, therefore,
11 be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation to the Department of Education to change mandatory
14 second language requirements to Elementary School instead of
15 Secondary School.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mabank High School.



A Bill to Remove Pennies from Federal Circulation to Save the Federal Government Time and Money

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Pennies would be removed from federal circulation.

3 **SECTION 2.** Penny refers to the coin worth 1/100th of a dollar.

4 **SECTION 3.** The United States Treasury Department will oversee the implementation
5 of this bill.

6 A. The United States Treasury Department will cease production of
7 pennies.

8 B. Pennies will retain their value after this bill goes into effect

9 C. The United States Treasury will collect all pennies and issue coin and
10 dollar bills for the amount of pennies traded in to be retired.

11 **SECTION 4.** This goes into effect January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Canton High School.



A Resolution to Regulate the Shadow Banking System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The shadow banking system is a network of financial institutions
2 consisting of non-depository banks including investment banks, money
3 market mutual funds (MMF), mortgage brokers, financial non-bank
4 institutions and a variety of familiar institutions; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** MMFs and securitization plays key roles in shadow banking under a
6 system that performs the same functions with different players and light
7 and/or nonexistent regulations; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Economic stability is threatened in the United States from the shadow
9 banking system; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Liabilities and loans from the shadow banking system are escalating
11 which create an unseen economic bubble that will burst; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Shadow banking was a significant factor in the 2007-2008 mortgage crisis
13 and the reforms in the financial sector such as Dodd-Frank have lacked
14 effectiveness; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** Shadow banking creates high risks in credit, interest, collateral,
16 securitizations, and concerns which hurts investment because it plays a
17 role in global economic relations between countries; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
19 recommendation to regulate the shadow banking system; and, be it
- 20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
21 recommendation to put significant focus on insuring MMFs and
22 securitization.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Princeton High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish Use, Production and Ownership of Nuclear Weapons

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

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

8 **ARTICLE 1**

9 **SECTION 1:** Upon ratification, further and current production of nuclear weapons in
10 the United States shall be indefinitely halted and the dismantlement and
11 disposition processes of currently owned and stockpiled weapons,
12 abroad or otherwise, will begin. In accordance with The Hague
13 Convention of 1907, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948,
14 The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) of 1968, and the Geneva
15 Convention and the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of
16 1949 and 1977, respectively, the use of nuclear weapons will be, likewise,
17 federally prohibited.

18 **SECTION 2:** Due to the cumbersome lengths of time necessary to complete said
19 nuclear dismantlement and disposition processes necessary to disarm
20 and deconstruct nuclear weapons, time must be allotted for “ownership”
21 to fully cease.

22 **SECTION 3:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
23 legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School.



A Bill to End Gerrymandering to Prevent Single Party Favoritism

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A nonpartisan organization will oversee the process of redistricting.

3 A. In 2014, democrats won 1.4 million votes more than Republicans but
4 won 46 seats.

5 B. In certain states, the system favors certain parties.

6 C. Members of this organization will be elected and agreed upon by all
7 parties of this legislature.

8 **SECTION 2.** Gerrymandering shall be defined as redistricting in order to benefit one
9 political party over another.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress shall work with federal courts to develop a
11 non-partisan organization.

12 **SECTION 4.** To be enacted by the next U.S. federal election.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Ferris High School.



A Resolution to Legalize Marijuana on a Federal Level

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Marijuana’s illegal status is harmful to the wellbeing of United States
2 citizens and to its economy; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Marijuana prohibition laws cost the government \$20 billion a year,
4 criminalizing marijuana users with 27.6% of prisoners in overcrowded
5 federal prisons being in for marijuana-related crimes; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Marijuana arrest exceeds those for all violent crimes, and cripples
7 prospects for jobs, loans, housing, and benefits, which directly affects the
8 US economy; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** African Americans and Latinos are disproportionately arrested for
10 marijuana; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Prohibition fosters an illegal marijuana market that benefits organized
12 crime, drug cartels and gangs; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation to legalize marijuana on a federal level.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midlothian Heritage High School.



A Bill to Amend the Americans with Disabilities Act to Eliminate All Exceptions and to Deploy Inspectors

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Americans with Disabilities Act shall be amended to eliminate any
3 exceptions to require all public buildings and businesses to have handicap
4 accessible ramps, as well as deploy inspectors to report any building not
5 abiding by the law.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Exceptions shall be defined as any reasons why buildings do not have
7 handicap accessible ramps to each individual floor.

8 B. Inspector shall be defined as a federal government employee whose
9 specific job is to report buildings that are not under the new regulations
10 defined by this bill.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Justice to ensure the
12 implementation of this bill.

13 A. The DOJ shall work with state and local government entities to locate
14 buildings not under new regulations.

15 B. A public building or business not abiding by the new regulations shall
16 be subjected to a 5% tax increase each year they are found without
17 handicap accessible ramps for each building floor.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented July 1st of 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mabank High School.



A Bill to Expand the Gas Guzzler Tax to Discourage the Purchase of Fuel-Inefficient Vehicles

1 Be it enacted by this UIL Congress here assembled that:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall enlarge the scope of the Gas Guzzler Tax in the Energy
3 Tax Act of 1978 to include pickup trucks, minivans, and sport utility vehicles
4 (SUVS).

5 **SECTION 2.** “Pickup truck”, “minivan”, and “sport utility vehicle” are as defined in 40 CFR
6 600.002-85.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the enforcement of the new
8 guidelines, and will work jointly with the environmental protection agency and
9 the United States Department of Transportation to manage the new change in
10 tax.

11 A. The most recent brackets will be used to determine the amount of money
12 that will be taxed.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 10, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Princeton High School.



A Bill to Ban Bitcoin to Prevent Darkweb Crime

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Bitcoin will hereby be banned to prevent its use for illegal actions.

3 **SECTION 2.** Ban – to prohibit, especially by legal means.

4 Illegal – not according to or authorized by the law.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States federal government’s judicial branches shall oversee
6 the enactment of this bill.

7 A. If caught using Bitcoin, an initial fine of \$20,000 will be given.

8 B. After the first fine, a minimum sentencing of a year in prison to a
9 maximum of 10 years will be given after each new instance of illegal
10 Bitcoin use.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be fully implemented no later than January 10, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School.



A Bill to End the Practice of Gentrification by Imposing Urban Development Laws

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Urban developers will now have to provide alternative housing solutions
3 or financial compensation of 200% percent the value of their property to
4 individuals displaced by development. Additionally, homeowners in the
5 proximity of development cannot raise rent higher than 125% of fair
6 market value.

7 **SECTION 2.** A displaced individual is a person who is forced to leave their home
8 because of an external force, and not displaced by choice.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development shall
10 oversee the enforcement of this law along with local municipalities and
11 governments.

12 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill shall take place by the January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Ferris High School.



A Bill to Federally Mandate Sexual Education

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall enforce a basic standard for
3 sexual education nationwide.

4 **SECTION 2.** A basic sexual education includes knowledge of human sexual anatomy,
5 sexual reproduction, sexual activity, reproductive health, safe sex, age of
6 consent, reproductive rights, birth control, and sexual abstinence.

7 **SECTION 3.** Enforcing sexual education shall adhere to the following:

8 A. This basic curriculum will be required at all schools, public or private.

9 B. Sexual education will be integrated into a required health curriculum.

10 C. Sexual education must be taught by certified individuals.

11 D. No fewer than two (2) weeks may be spent per school year teaching
12 sexual education.

13 **SECTION 4.** Effective immediately.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School.



A Bill to Fully Fund Third Party Candidates Through Public Campaign Funds in Presidential Elections

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate all funds raised by public campaign taxes
3 to third party candidates.

4 **SECTION 2.** It will be fully distributed amongst third party candidates in order to level
5 off the disproportionate amount of public campaign funding currently
6 going to the two dominant political parties.

7 **SECTION 3.** Public campaign funding is an option that allows taxpayers to facilitate a
8 portion of paid taxes to presidential candidates, through the Federal
9 Elections Commission (FEC). This portion of taxes comes from public
10 campaigns.

11 **SECTION 4.** The FEC will oversee the allocation of this funding. The same rules of
12 public campaign funding will apply with the exclusion of dominant
13 parties.

14 **SECTION 5.** This bill take effect on January 10, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Princeton High School.



A Bill to Authorize the Medical Usage of LSD

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall authorize the application of
3 Lysergic Acid Diethylamide in medical research and medicinal
4 prescription by reclassifying LSD as a Schedule III drug.

5 **SECTION 2.** Lysergic Acid Diethylamide is a hallucinogenic drug colloquially known as
6 acid or LSD. Medicinal prescription is a written recommendation for the
7 provision of a drug to a patient, up to the discretion of a licensed
8 physician. A Schedule III drug is defined as a drug whose abuse may lead
9 to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological
10 dependence.

11 **SECTION 3.** The legalization of the application of LSD shall be limited to the following.

12 A. Recreational use of LSD shall remain unlawful.

13 B. LSD classification will be reduced to the level of Schedule III.

14 C. Medical experimentation with LSD shall remain under regulation by
15 the FDA.

16 D. Pharmacies may legally provide LSD to citizens with a prescription
17 from a certified physician.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be fully implemented no later than January 10, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School.



A Resolution to Implement a Public Option to Increase Healthcare Access in America

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Health insurance costs have reached burdening highs for millions of
2 American citizens; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 12.4% of adults between the ages 18 and 64 and 5.1% of children under
4 the age of 18 remain uninsured in large part due to said burdening costs
5 of private health insurance; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Exploitative insurance providers have caused patients to hold off on
7 receiving care in light of extremely high deductibles and out-of-pocket
8 maximums; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Public insurance has been successfully implemented in several other
10 developed nations abroad; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The United States federal government should bear a vested interest in
12 the health and well-being of all American citizens; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled implement a public option for
14 health insurance known as Americare; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Americare be allowed to compete with existing private
16 health insurance firms to allow Americans more choice in their health
17 insurance provider.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.



A Bill to Require Dash Cams to be Mounted in all Vehicles Used by Uber

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Before an Uber driver is allowed to transport a passenger in the vehicle
3 for Uber purposes, a dash cam with a double lens must be installed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Dash cam is defined as a video camera attached to the windshield or
5 dashboard of a vehicle with a double lens, both outside and inside the
6 vehicle.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of
8 this bill.

9 A. The recordings will begin once the Uber service is ordered.

10 B. The recordings will be transferred through an SD card to the Uber
11 database daily via the driver.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted February 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Ennis High School.



A Resolution to Restrict Full-Contact Football Before High School

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Participation in full contact (“tackle” football) prior to high school
2 potentially puts a child at greater risk of eventually developing and being
3 diagnosed with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE); and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** 99% of deceased NFL football players that have donated their brains to
5 be studied have been diagnosed with CTE due to the head collisions they
6 experienced throughout their careers; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This condition causes mood swings, increases depression, memory loss,
8 headaches, impulsive control problems, aggression and paranoia in the
9 affected individuals; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** This diagnosis cannot be given until the football player is deceased and
11 their brain can be studied; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation for solution that full contact football will not be allowed
14 to occur until a participant reaches the high school level of government
15 funded public education.

Submitted for UIL Congressional Debate by Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School.



A Resolution to Expand Opportunities for Undocumented Americans

- 1 **WHEREAS,** On September 5, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
2 initiated the termination of the program known as Deferred Action for
3 Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Once DACA is phased out, nearly a million undocumented Americans may
5 be deported; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** DACA recipients will be left with no opportunities in the US or their home
7 countries; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** It would be unfair, unethical, and financially irresponsible to abruptly
9 deport hundreds of thousands of undocumented Americans; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled maintain and expand DACA.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School