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## **A Resolution to Cease the Production of Disposable Plastic to Protect the Earth's Oceans**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The global environment, which is crucial to the future of the human race,  
2                   is being threatened by plastics; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Approximately 6300 metric tons of plastic waste has been generated as  
4                   of 2015, 79% of which was disposed of in landfills and the natural  
5                   environment, according to the National Center for Ecological Analysis and  
6                   Synthesis (NCEAS); and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Biodiversity and marine life populations are negatively impacted by the  
8                   presence of plastics that end up in the Earth's oceans, where the  
9                   formation of "garbage patches" has become a global concern; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   Other countries in the international community are combatting this  
11                  problem by banning plastic production and use; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**   United States fisheries are dependent upon the dwindling seafood  
13                  populations; now, therefore, be it
- 14   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
15                  recommendation for solution to ban the production of plastics in the  
16                  United States.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midlothian 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 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 that full contact football will not be allowed to occur  
14                   until a participant reaches the high school level of government funded  
15                   public education.

*Submitted for UIL Congressional Debate by Dr. Ralph H. Poteet 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 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 half of the 20% of bilingual Americans are advanced in a second  
4                   language creating a gap 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 the time  
14                   that all schools receiving federal monetary aid change mandatory second  
15                   language requirements to elementary school instead of secondary  
16                   school.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mabank 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 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 diseases 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 permitted for those who have been  
10 given six months or less to live, or those 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 Limit the Maximum Speed of a Car via a Governor

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In the past year, approximately 12,400 people have died due to speeding,  
3 which is the cause of about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of deadly automobile accidents. 2016  
4 proved to be the deadliest year on public roads since 2007. This proposed  
5 law will limit the maximum speed of any privately owned vehicle to 85  
6 miles per hour through the use of a required governor.

7 **SECTION 2.** A governor is an air flow and fuel restrictor that reacts once the limit is  
8 reached.

9 The NHTSA stands for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

10 **SECTION 3.** The agency that will be charged with enforcing this legislation is the  
11 NHTSA. The proposed bill shall be enforced by requiring all 2021 new  
12 vehicles to come equipped with the governor, and proper use and  
13 maintenance of the device can be examined during existing annual  
14 required state inspections.

15 **SECTION 4.** New 2021 year-model cars will be required to have the governor by  
16 January 1, 2021.

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

*Submitted for UIL Congressional Debate by Dr. Ralph H. Poteet 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 10, 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 Create The FedCoin Act of 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will introduce a new form of  
3 cryptocurrency called Fedcoin into the international Bitcoin market by  
4 converting \$100 million U.S. Dollars in circulation into cryptocurrency.

5 **SECTION 2.** Fedcoin will act under the following provisions:

6 **A.** Fedcoin will be pegged to the physical United States Dollars (USD) and  
7 will be valued as 1USD.

8 **B.** Fedcoin will be introduced onto international platforms and will allow  
9 for foreign and domestic transactions.

10 **C.** Banks will convert 5% of their Reserve Requirement into Fedcoin  
11 through the Federal Reserve.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Treasury and Federal Reserve will be  
13 responsible for regulation and proper implementation:

14 **A.** The Federal Reserve must establish a two-way convertibility platform  
15 that can convert Fedcoin into physical money at a 1:1 ratio.

16 **B.** The US Department of Treasury will establish a new platform for  
17 international and domestic Fedcoin trade.

18 **SECTION 4.** Distribution of Fedcoin will begin Fiscal Year 2020 and, by discretion of  
19 the Department of Treasury, will be completely distributed by FY2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.*



## A Bill to Legalize Industrial Hemp on Federal Level

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The hemp plant will be re-scheduled and re-defined and the growing and  
3 cultivation of industrial hemp will be legalized on the Federal level.

4 **SECTION 2.** Industrial hemp is a plant of the genus Cannabis and any part of the  
5 plant, whether growing or not, contains a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol  
6 (THC) concentration of no more than three tenths of one percent (0.3%)  
7 on a dry weight basis. Industrial hemp can be used to make over 25,000  
8 products.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture and the U.S Food and Drug Administration  
10 will oversee the growing and cultivation of industrial hemp.

11 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect 60 days after the passage of this bill.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midlothian High School.*



## **A Bill to Require Preparticipation Cardiovascular Screening for all Secondary School Athletes**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Each student athlete will be required to take a preparticipation

3 cardiovascular screening before the pre-season practices begin as

4 outlined by the American Heart Association guidelines.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Preparticipation cardiovascular screening: the systematic practice of

6 medically evaluating large, general populations of athletes before

7 participation in sports for the purpose of identifying (or raising suspicion

8 of) abnormalities that could provoke disease progression or sudden

9 death.

10 B. Pre-season: taking place before the regular season

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the

12 implementation of this bill.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate Ennis High School.*



## A Bill to Modify DACA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill would codify and expand President Obama’s 2012 executive  
3 order that illegal immigrants who meet certain criteria would be  
4 protected from deportation.

5 **SECTION 2.** DACA is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program proposed by  
6 the Obama administration in 2012. Individuals who qualified under these  
7 provisions are referred to as “Dreamers”.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will oversee the  
9 enforcement of this bill through the codification of President Obama’s  
10 executive order.

11 A.) To be eligible, he/she had to have arrived in the United States under  
12 the age of 16 and have been residing in the country since June 15, 2007.  
13 They couldn’t have been above the age of 30 when the Department of  
14 Homeland Security enforces the order.

15 B.) Once the Dreamer has reached the age of 18, he/she must start the  
16 process of U.S. citizenship. At the age of 21, the Dreamer will no longer  
17 be eligible to renew their status, and if the citizenship process has not  
18 been started, the Dreamer will be eligible for deportation.

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

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

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

*We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and has permission to be presented.*



## **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 1, 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 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 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 overcrowded federal prisons  
5                   being marijuana-related crimes; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Marijuana arrests exceed 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.

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*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midlothian Heritage High School*



## A Resolution to Limit the Power of Eminent Domain

- 1   **WHEREAS,**           The United States Federal Government reserves the right to seize  
2                           and distribute private properties to 3<sup>rd</sup> party businesses for the  
3                           sake of economic development; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**           Average but loyal citizens nationwide are spontaneously forced on  
5                           the defensive for the sake of business rather than public service  
6                           and 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  
10                          industries unaffiliated with the Federal Government; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**          The preference of the wealthy over the average individual is  
12                          harmful to the majority of the population; now, therefore, be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,**         That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend amending the  
14                          fifth amendment of the US Constitution to limit domain solely to  
15                          public works; and, be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That corporations who wish to claim private properties settle  
17                          their wishes outside the powers of eminent domain.

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

### ARTICLE 1

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

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Celina High School.*



## **A Bill to Create The ROBOT (Robotic Obfuscation Bandage For Organic Terrestrials) Tax**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A ROBOT Tax will be placed on automation which displaces American jobs.

**SECTION 2.** The ROBOT Tax will be the equivalent to that of the income tax which would be paid for a job which could be displaced by the automation's presence. Automation is the process of changing human-labor activity to that of a mechanical or technological system.

**SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The labor replaced by automation will be taxed equivalent to that which would have been taxed under Title 20 of the U.S. code, and the entities taxed will be the corporations using said automation.

B. The Department of Labor will determine which systems will be deemed as automation.

C. All tax revenue collected from the ROBOT Tax will be distributed evenly towards small business subsidies and welfare programs.

**SECTION 4.** Implementation will occur at the beginning of the first fiscal year following the date of passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.*