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A Bill to Administer National Universal Healthcare

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

2 **SECTION 1.** At least one hospital in each county or comparable subdivision of the
3 state will become a universal healthcare location. These hospitals will
4 begin accepting patients regardless of their insurance or ability to pay. All
5 treatments ranging from antibiotics to palliative care would be available.
6 Counties without a hospital will be assigned to a neighboring county.
7 Partnerships between healthcare locations such as nursing homes and
8 rehabilitation centers will be enacted.

9 **SECTION 2.** According to the World Health Organization, universal healthcare is
10 defined as “ all people have access to the health services they need,
11 when and where they need them, and without financial hardship.”

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, will oversee
13 and enforce this bill.

14 A. The HHS would decide which hospitals would become a universal
15 healthcare location.

16 B. The healthcare would be paid for by the federal government. Income
17 taxes and payroll taxes may be increased to help cover costs.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2030.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rule High School.



A Resolution Extract and Grant Visa access to Afghan Interpreters and Their Families

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current status of Afghanistan is hostile to American Allies; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Afghan interpreters have sacrificed their safety for the United States
3 Military; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the moral obligation to protect our allies; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** If the Afghan interpreters stay in Afghanistan, their lives will be at stake;
6 and their families lives will also be at stake; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The current Taliban Policy is to execute and torture Afghan interpreters
8 and their families; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A multitude of American allies have already been tortured and executed
10 for their ties with the United States government; now, therefore, be it.
- 11 **RESOLVED,** The UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12 that the United State Federal government grant visa access to Afghan
13 interpreters and their families.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abilene Wylie High School.



Clean Railway Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Passing of this legislation will allow Congress to formally direct the
3 federal government in distribution of economic incentives to private
4 railroad companies which own clean freight railways, independent of fuel
5 type. Grants and tax incentives will be provided for the construction of
6 efficiently designed freight trains and tracks.

7 A. Existing railroad companies that do not currently meet clean railway
8 requirements will be incentivized to reconstruct tracks and cart
9 designs to do so.

10 B. Companies that do meet requirements will be benefitted tax credits
11 or breaks.

12 **SECTION 2.** Freight railways will be defined as railways that only carry cargo as
13 opposed to human passengers.

14 Clean Railways will be defined as railways permitting less than or equal
15 to 15 g of CO₂ per ton mile.

16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Federal
17 Railroad Administration will be responsible for the implementation and
18 management of this legislation in cooperation with the Department of
19 Energy.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.



A Bill to Abolish the Electoral College

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government shall not use the electoral college
3 voting system in U.S. presidential elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Electoral College is a group of 538 electors divided
5 among the fifty states, with each state is given a different number of
6 electors depending on their elected representatives within the state.

7 **SECTION 3.** The winning of the presidential election will be strictly based upon
8 popular votes nationwide. With the U.S. Federal Election Commission will
9 oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in the fiscal year of 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Aspermont High School.



A Resolution to Ban the Filibuster

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Filibusters are being used to block progress in the Senate; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Most pieces of legislation face unnecessary delays because of filibusters,
3 which impairs Congress's ability to act; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Delays in congressional action impairs every American's life; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Banning the filibuster would dramatically increase Congress's ability to
6 help our constituents; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation to ban the filibuster.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abilene Wylie High School.



A Resolution to Remove the Requirement of Filing Fees for Candidates of a Political Office

- 1 **WHEREAS,** More than half of the states across the country require candidates for
2 political office to submit a filing fee; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This cost can range from less than one hundred dollars to thousands of
4 dollars; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Fee schemes burden interests protected by the Constitution while
6 classifying candidates and voters by means of a monetary exaction; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Filing fees have been struck down in the past by multiple levels of courts;
8 now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation to remove the requirement of filing fees for candidates
11 of a political office.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Blackwell High School.



A Bill to Require Students' Fingerprints to Aid in Criminal Investigation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. school systems should take students' fingerprints as they enroll in
3 school each year.

4 A. There will be a new requirement for the enrollment of kindergarten,
5 students must be fingerprinted.

6 B. Upon enrollment into high school a new fingerprint is required.

7 **SECTION 2.** The national crime rate has fallen about 49% between the years
8 1999 and 2019.

9 A. With having a person's fingerprint already in the system, it will help in
10 the forensics aspect of the investigation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and
12 enforcement of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect in six months of passage.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Aspermont High School.



Social Media Regulation Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall regulate social media
3 platforms to allow free speech.

4 **SECTION 2.** Free speech includes any opinion of a person on the internet who owns
5 an account. While regulation means to supervise over all social media
6 software for instances where said company restricts access to a user over
7 something, he/she has posted.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) will oversee this bill by
9 conducting investigations on all cases of restricted access to said person's
10 account over something the user has posted.

11 A. This means that while the FCC already conducts investigations on
12 complaints made by users, it will also conduct investigations on
13 user access of a person's account.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abilene Wylie High School.



A Bill to Require Mental Health Screening for the Purchase of Firearms

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will require psychological
3 clearance from a licensed mental health professional to purchase a
4 firearm permit.

5 **SECTION 2.** Psychological clearance must come in the form of a written record
6 showing that the individual attempting to acquire a firearm permit does
7 not pose a danger to themselves or others.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives will enforce this
9 bill by prosecuting violators.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abilene Wylie High School.



A Bill to Ban All Immigration and Migration Travel Laws Based on Covid-19

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will outlaw all international, and all interstate travel laws that
3 exist due to Covid 19.

4 **SECTION 2.** Migration travel will still include the U.S. rules of travel to and from the
5 countries available for travel.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee and manage the travel and any
7 future plans after implementation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect upon passage of this legislation.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ATEMS High School.



A Resolution to Compensate Veterans Discharged from the Military for Their Sexual Preference

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The LBGTQ community is severely discriminated against; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The millions of people in the community suffer this discrimination; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This behavior is resulting in increasing suicide rates nationally; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** 114,000 veterans have been dishonorably or other than honorably
5 discharged for being LGB, and transgender people are still banned from
6 getting in; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will compensate veterans
8 discharged for sexual preference.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Cooper High School.



A Bill to Require Paid Parental Leave for All Employees

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

2 **SECTION 1.** An employed person must be provided with at least eight weeks of paid
3 parental leave after the birth or adoption of their child.

4 **SECTION 2.** Employed person is defined as someone who has a labor force status of
5 “employed,” meaning working for a job and paid in the context of an
6 employer-employee relationship.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of
8 the bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Blackwell High School.



National Open Carry Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall make Permitless Carry Legal in all 50 States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Permitless carry shall be defined as the lack of requiring a permit for
4 legally-owned handguns to be carried outside of limited areas such as
5 one's home and vehicle.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms shall oversee the enforcement
7 of this legislation.

8 A. The Bureau shall work with state legislatures to guarantee that state
9 governments follow this bill.

10 B. Furthermore, if any state does not follow the bill they shall have
11 funding restricted through transportation, public education, and
12 Medicaid.

13 C. The Bureau shall work with the Department of Treasury, Department
14 of Education, and Department of Health and Human Services to help
15 restrict funding to states that do not follow the bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be enacted on January 20, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abilene Wylie High School.



A Resolution to Support the Lifting of the Statute of Limitations in Cases of Sexual Assault

1 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of cases of sexual assault could not have been proven with a
2 statute of limitations in place; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Child sex abuse is a massive national problem. At least one in four girls
4 and one in five boys are sexually abused. Twenty-nine percent of rape
5 victims are under the age of eleven; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Studies have concluded that male survivors of child sex abuse delayed
7 disclosing their abuse to a friend or family member for an average of
8 twenty-one years after first experiencing the abuse. The average for
9 female victims varied from twenty-five to thirty-five years after the abuse
10 ended; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Each victim of sexual abuse both suffers and recovers uniquely and
12 therefore cannot be expected to do so on a neat and uniform timeline;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
15 recommendation to support the lifting of the statute of limitations in
16 cases of sexual assault.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Blackwell High School.



A Resolution to Reform America's Voting System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current voting system in America doesn't allow for third party
2 candidates to succeed; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Those who do vote for the third party candidates are less likely to see
4 their candidate elected. This causes their votes to not count, and the
5 voter to not have a say in who is elected president; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** There has been many studies showing that voters lose incentive to vote
7 due to the candidate they truly want out of fear their vote will not be
8 counted; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Voters often find themselves voting for the "lesser of two evils," rather
10 than a candidate they really feel would do the best job; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** This style of voting causes minority vote dilution, ignoring
12 underrepresented minorities pleas for representation; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Democracy is being undermined due the electoral college giving
14 disproportionate voting power to states, favoriting smaller states with
15 more electoral votes per person; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled will consider amending the 12th
17 Amendment of these United States through future proceedings, in order
18 to reform our outdated voting system and to accommodate the desire of
19 the people by implementing an instant runoff system.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.

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A Resolution to End the War on Drugs

1 **WHEREAS,** The Reagan Administration’s “War on Drugs” initiatives are still heavily
2 exercised in drug related offenses; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The rationale behind incarceration on drug crimes is largely flawed and
4 the War on Drugs rationale has been shown to have little effect on
5 drug related crimes; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Drug related incarceration is linked with unnecessary incarceration rates,
7 high reincarceration rates, and increased mortality rates; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The War on Drugs disproportionately affects people of color; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The taxation of marijuana can be used to fund government sponsored
10 programs; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled shall decriminalize the use of any
12 drug, regardless of schedule; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That marijuana shall be legalized medicinally for those over the
14 age and recreationally for those over the age of 21, and any non-violent
15 drug offender shall be immediately exonerated.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.