

Region XVII Legislation 2017

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A Bill to Annul All Legislation That Extends Criminal Sentences for Crimes Against Police

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All legislation that has been previously passed which increases sentences
3 solely based on the fact that the crime was perpetuated against an officer
4 of the law will be annulled on both the state and federal level.

5 **SECTION 2.** Annul: to declare invalid

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal, State, and Supreme Courts will oversee the enforcement of
7 this bill in the U.S Justice system.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall come into effect immediately upon passage but will not
9 grandfather prior sentencing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Borden County High School.



A Bill to Automatically Allow Parents of Legal Citizens to be Endowed with Asylum until Citizenship

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals of all genders and immigration statuses will be granted asylum
3 provided they are natural parents of a child granted birthright citizenship.
4 Asylum will be granted no more than eight years. Immigrants who don't
5 obtain citizenship after eight years will have their asylum revoked. All
6 birthright children's parents who are living within United States' borders
7 by January 1, 2018 will be eligible.

8 **SECTION 2.** Birthright citizenship is defined as the legal right to citizenship for all
9 children born in a country's territory, regardless of parentage. Asylum is
10 defined as the protection granted from deportation.

11 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall appoint the Department of Homeland Security to oversee
12 and implement this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Jayton High School.



A Bill to Implement Automatic Voter Registration in the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will require all states to automatically register citizens to vote at
3 the age of legal adulthood.

4 **SECTION 2.** Adulthood being defined as a citizen that has reached the age of 18.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Election Assistance Commission will enforce this bill.

6 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will take place within a year of passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abernathy High School.



A Bill to Enact Anonymous Candidacy in Political Elections

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Candidates shall remain anonymous throughout the election time period.

3 A. Policy, major beliefs, and campaign message/intent shall be available
4 for voter viewing.

5 B. Individual political parties shall be responsible for the distribution and
6 upkeep of anonymity of candidates.

7 C. Where an official political party committee does not exist, the
8 candidates shall be responsible for creating a public relations
9 committee to uphold anonymity.

10 **SECTION 2.** "Political Parties" refers to an organized group of people with at least
11 roughly similar political aims and opinions, that seeks to influence public
12 policy by getting its candidates elected to public office.

13 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement will be overseen by the Federal Election Commission.

14 A. The Federal Election Commission will be responsible for the allocation
15 of funds in order to uphold candidate anonymity.

16 B. Violations of this bill shall result in the candidate's removal from
17 potential election standings.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect prior to the next election period.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plainview High School.



A Bill to Increase Cyber Security for Military Databases and America's Continental Power Grid to Protect American Assets

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will increase the security of military databases and America's
3 continental power grid by performing a mass update of all security
4 software, as well as work to hire more cyber security experts.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Cyber- all associated digital and physical computing systems
6 B. Increase- to improve or add unto
7 C. Security- prevention of and freedom from danger
8 D. Expert- a professional in a given field
9 F. Military database- a network that covers topics across all government
10 and military branches, including international relations, political
11 science, criminology, defense, aeronautics and space flight,
12 communications, civil engineering and more.

13 **SECTION 3.** The bill will be enforced by the Department of Homeland Security in joint
14 command with the United States Cyber Command.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective immediately after passing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Seminole High School.



A Bill to Implement Ignition Interlock Devices into Vehicles Owned by Citizens Who Have Been Convicted of a DUI/DWI in the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will implement the installation of Ignition
3 Interlock Devices (IID) into cars owned by citizens convicted of a
4 DUI/DWI.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States will implement the Ignition Interlock Device, a device
6 that requires convicts to take a breathalyzer test in order to start their
7 ignition.

8 **SECTION 3.** The government agencies enforcing the new bill will be:
9 A. The Department of Public Safety

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation would be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abernathy High School.



A Bill to Limit the Price Increase Range to Protect Those in Natural Disasters

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will implement a bill that will
3 protect those in natural disasters such that prices cannot be raised by any
4 large substantial amount.

5 **SECTION 2.** Natural disaster is a natural occurring event that causes great damage
6 and the loss of life.

7 **SECTION 3.** The government agencies enforcing this regulation will be the Food and
8 Drug Administration & Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

9 A. No company can gouge prices by more than 5%.

10 B. If a natural disaster is expected, companies cannot increase prices
11 unless the natural disaster is over a week from expected arrival.

12 C. Companies cannot increase prices after the disaster until a week has
13 passed.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented upon completion.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Denver City High School.



A Bill to Mandate that Every City in the US Provide Recycling Drop-off Locations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Every city in the US that receives funding from the Department of Health and
3 Human Services must provide a recycling center or drop-off location for its
4 citizens.

5 **SECTION 2.** A drop-off location is defined as bins, aside from regular waste bins, labeled for
6 recycling purposes that are transported to recycling plants by the city or a
7 private recycling company. A recycling center is defined as a center that
8 sorts and processes recyclable materials.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce this bill by penalizing
10 cities that fail to comply by cutting funding provided by the Department of
11 Health and Human Services to that city by 40%.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 18 months after its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sundown High School.



A Bill to Provide for the Prosecution of Masked Rioters under the Hate Crimes Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Protesters who intentionally cover their face in a riot situation and utter
3 hate speech will be prosecuted under the Hate Crimes Act.

4 **SECTION 2.** As rioters who have gathered under the presuppose of peaceful assembly
5 are breaking the law; and, utter speech against the affected populations
6 mentioned in the Hate Crimes Act. These acts of riot should be deemed
7 as Hate Crimes by virtue of their willing and intentional disguise.

8 **SECTION 3.** These crimes will be prosecuted by the Federal Department of Justice.

9 A. These acts will be considered as violent acts motivated by the actual
10 or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual
11 orientation, gender identity, or disability of a victim.

12 B. This bill will not prosecute solely based upon an individual's racial,
13 religious, political, or other beliefs; but, on their willful aggression
14 toward such situations in a masqueraded aggression.

15 C. Nothing in this bill will diminish any rights under the first amendment
16 to the Constitution of the United States.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sudan High School.



A Bill to Protect Historical Statues and Monuments to Preserve American History

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Historical statues and monuments erected prior to 1950 shall not be destroyed
3 in order to preserve American History. These statues shall be considered art and
4 not a threat to society.

5 **SECTION 2.** Historical monuments will include headstones in cemeteries and statues on
6 public and private property.

7 **SECTION 3.** Local law enforcement will be responsible for protecting the historical pieces.
8 Any destruction will be considered vandalism and violators will be fined.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by O'Donnell High School



A Bill to Remove Race and Ethnicity Questions from all Legal Documents

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Questions with inquiry of one’s race or ethnicity shall be removed and
3 prohibited from all legal documents.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Race and ethnicity questions” are defined as any question or
5 statement that requires or asks for a response regarding an
6 individual’s racial or ethnic background.

7 B. “Legal documents” refers to any receptacle of information for
8 purposes involving documentation by state and federal governments,
9 and institutions relating to health and education, including but not
10 limited to scholarship applications, medical records, birth certificates,
11 census forms, college applications, and tax records.

12 **SECTION 3.** All institutions recording or requesting information and documentation
13 will oversee the enforcement of prohibiting and removing race and
14 ethnicity questions from their respective documents. For example, the
15 Census Bureau will oversee the enforcement of this bill on the census.
16 Violators will face sanctions by the IRS, with the minimum punishment of
17 a five percent tax increase for a minimum of five years.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect by January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Plainview 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 Require Incoming Freshmen to Public Institutions of Higher Education to Serve in Foreign Public Service

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Incoming students to public institutions of higher education will be
3 required to serve a minimum of 42 days in a developing country before
4 they will be allowed to matriculate.

5 **SECTION 2.** Developing countries will be defined as, Least-Developed Countries (LDC)
6 as defined by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Peace Corps will oversee the enforcement, regulation,
8 and implementation of this bill. Public institutions of higher education
9 will be encouraged to partner with the Peace Corps.

10 A. The program will be modeled after current Peace Corps programs.

11 B. The bill will include an adequate appropriation to fund the program.

12 While the program will be funded, individual service will be unpaid.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented August 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sudan High School.



A Resolution to End the Use of Non-Market Status Methodology for China in the World Trade Organization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Under Section 15 of the World Trade Organization (WTO) protocol, China
2 is treated as a non-market economy state; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The WTO Chinese protocol deadline of non-market economy treatment
4 was passed in December of 2016; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A non-market economy is a form of discrimination and unfair advantage
6 for international corporations; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Non-market economy treatment harms domestic imports by using
8 business and consumers for the spontaneous nature of anti-dumping;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The non-market economy treatment is aggravating China after the
11 deadline passed; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Ending non-market status strengthens global diplomatic relations with
13 China; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
15 recommendation to support China in the World Trade Organization to
16 end non-market methodology; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States uphold its promise and set an example for
18 global diplomatic relations.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Talkington School for Young Women Leaders.



A Resolution to Provide Free Lunches in Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Denver Post found that over 13 million kids are going to school
2 hungry; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 22 million students rely on reduced-price or free school lunches, and half
4 of that number rely on reduced-price or free school breakfast; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Reduced-priced and free school lunches only reach about 56 percent of
6 the kids in need; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** 76 percent of US school districts have students with unpaid lunch debt;
8 now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation to provide free lunches for all students in public
11 schools; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That we invest more resources into summer and break food
13 programs for children.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Muleshoe High School.



A Resolution to Replace Thomas Jefferson on the Two-Dollar Bill with Hank Williams

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Thomas Jefferson was a slave owner with morally contradictory treatment of his
2 slaves; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States prides itself on strong morals and we the Congress owe the
4 people consolation in the form of this resolution; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Continuation of the current practice will further the unrest in national discourse
6 over this country's slave history, not only among civil rights groups, but among
7 good-hearted American citizens across the nation; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Hank Williams is not only a folk hero to Americans everywhere, but a Southern
9 cultural symbol whose currency recognition would appease Southern
10 regionalists; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that
12 Hank Williams replace Thomas Jefferson on the two-dollar bill.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Borden County High School.



A Resolution to Greatly Increase Funding and Resources Specifically to Combat ISIS Social Media Efforts

1 **WHEREAS,** To date, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria have used social media to motivate
2 more than 30,000 people to join; and

3 **WHEREAS,** ISIS' usage of social media is meant to convince prospective recruits that its
4 empire is both stable and growing; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The terror group now has its own multilingual media arm that is extremely
6 dangerous due to the internet becoming woven into our daily lives; and

7 **WHEREAS,** ISIS is having success appealing to small numbers through social media, which
8 unfortunately in the terrorism business, is all it takes; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled increase funding and resources
10 specifically to combat ISIS social media efforts.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sundown High School.



A Resolution to Pass the DREAM Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** President Trump has ruled to phase out the Deferred Action for
2 Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration program; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 800,000 young immigrants will become unprotected if Congress does not
4 act within the next six months; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act is
6 an alternative, but has failed for 16 years; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** If Congress does not act quickly, it will risk failure again; now, therefore,
8 be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for the passing of the DREAM Act in order to protect
11 the rights of those affected by DACA.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Borden County High School.



A Resolution to Reallocate Federal Standardized Testing Funds to Assist in Rebuilding Schools Ravaged by Hurricanes

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Hundreds of schools have suffered extensive damage from recent
2 hurricane strikes along the Gulf Coast; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Recent hurricanes have caused massive flooding and damage throughout
4 the gulf coast, resulting in damage and closures to many schools in the
5 affected areas; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Our educational system cannot stop merely because of a natural disaster
7 and we must work to help students regain normalcy in their lives through
8 education; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Standardized testing is relatively unimportant when students are unable
10 to actually attend school because of damage and/or safety concerns; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Teachers need to be able to use schools as a safe place to comfort and
12 help students who may have lost everything; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation that standardized testing across the nation be
15 mandated as optional for the 2017-2018 school year; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the federal monies normally used to fund these standardized
17 tests be reallocated to help rebuild damaged schools along the United
18 States Gulf Coast.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Anton High School.



A Resolution to Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 to Better Benefit the Majority of Construction Workers

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In 1931 the United States signed the Davis-Bacon Act to protect the
2 wages of unionized construction workers over that of non-unionized
3 workers; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This act restricts the economic opportunities of lower income
5 individuals; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The act requires contractors to pay a prevailing wage, which is the same
7 to all classes of workers, and minority contracting firms as well as those
8 that are small non-unionized cannot afford to pay this prevailing wage;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Davis-Bacon Act was intended to prevent purchasing power of the
11 government from driving down construction wages during the great
12 depression, however now it is only restricting the majority of contractors
13 and construction workers by limiting affordability; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend repealing the Davis-
15 Bacon Act of 1931; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States immediately abolish the prevailing wage
17 required by contractors to hire workers.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Abernathy High School.



A Resolution to Repeal the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States involvement with the North American Free Trade Agreement
2 has been substantially detrimental to the economy by the significant number of
3 jobs lost; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Many of those lost jobs were high-wage positions in manufacturing industries,
5 the most visible tip of NAFTA’s impact on the US economy; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** NAFTA has also contributed to rising income inequality, suppressed real wages
7 for production workers, weakened workers’ collective bargaining powers, and
8 reduced fringe benefits; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** NAFTA is responsible for a change in the composition of employment from
10 desirable jobs to low-quality/low paying jobs; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
12 solution to repeal the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sudan High School.