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A Bill to Raise the Age to Purchase a Semi-Automatic Rifle

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will raise the current federal age from 18 to 21 to purchase a
3 semi-automatic rifle that is capable of holding more than 10 rounds, or
4 bullets, within its magazine.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Semi-automatic rifle” is to be defined as a weapon designed and
6 intended to be fired from the shoulder, and designed to shoot bullets
7 consecutively without the need of manually reloading or by function of a
8 single trigger pull. “Rounds, or bullets” is to be defined as an explosive
9 cartridge that becomes a projectile loaded into a magazine. A “magazine”
10 is to be defined as a detachable box that loads bullets into a rifle.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and local law
12 enforcement will oversee the actions of this bill in its entirety.

13 A. Possession or purchase of a semi-automatic rifle that holds more than
14 10 rounds under the age of 21 is punishable with a fine up to
15 \$250,000 and 10 years in prison.

16 B. Selling a semi-automatic rifle that holds more than 10 rounds to
17 anyone under the age of 21 is punishable with a fine up to \$200,000
18 and up to 10 years in prison.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect September 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.

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A Bill to Ban Augmented Reality Mobile Gaming to Improve Consumer Safety

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government will ban the development of and remove all
3 augmented reality mobile games from digital marketplaces.

4 **SECTION 2.** Augmented reality will be defined as the integration of video and audio
5 content with the user's real life and real-time environment.

6 Mobile games will be defined as games developed for mobile devices
7 such as smartphones, tablets, smart watches, e-readers, and handheld
8 gaming consoles. Digital marketplaces will be defined as online platforms
9 for buyers and sellers to transact over a product.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Consumer Protection will be responsible for enforcing the
11 ban of augmented reality mobile gaming.

12 A. A fine worth 10% of the violating entity's value will be inflicted if
13 compliance isn't achieved within one fiscal year of enactment.

14 B. Failure to comply within three fiscal years of enactment will result in
15 the shutting down of the violating entity via the Emergency Health
16 Powers Act.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted by January of 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Presidential Pardon

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 II Section 2**

9 **SECTION 1:** The President of the United States will not possess the power to grant
10 pardons or reduced sentencing to any individual including themselves.

11 **SECTION 2:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12 legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.



A Bill to Initiate Child Support from First Fetal Heartbeat Detection

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will require the prenatal stage to
3 be included within the child support guidelines, beginning at the first
4 detection of a fetal heartbeat as determined by a licensed Sonographer,
5 Ultrasound Technician, and proof of paternity.

6 **SECTION 2.** Fetal heartbeat is defined as cardiac activity or the steady, repetitive,
7 rhythmic contraction of a fetus' heart. A licensed Sonographer or
8 Ultrasound Technician are both defined as a person who is licensed to
9 perform diagnostic patient care services using ultrasound and related
10 diagnostic procedures.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Child Support Enforcement will oversee the implementation
12 of this bill.

13 A. The consequences for failing to provide funds will vary based on state
14 laws, but are not limited to license suspension, hefty fines, and/or
15 loss of parental rights.

16 B. Any additional action will be determined in individual family court
17 proceedings.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.



A Bill to Completely Ban the Sentence of Capital Punishment to Protect the Human Right of Life

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Under the passage of this legislation, capital punishment, commonly
3 known as the death penalty, will be completely abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** Capital punishment is a state-sanctioned practice of killing a person as a
5 punishment for a crime.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced through the Department of Justice. Penalties for
7 violating this legislation will be decided by congressional committees at a
8 future time.

9 **SECTION 4.** This will go into 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 ESC 10.



A Bill to Legalize Casinos in all States and U.S. Territories

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The states' choice of whether or not to allow gambling will be
3 discontinued. This legislation requires all states and U.S. territories to
4 allow casinos and online casinos within their borders. This will provide
5 additional jobs for U.S. citizens and more taxable revenue.

6 **SECTION 2.** Casino is defined as a public place where gambling games are played.
7 Online casinos are defined as any kind of gambling done on the Internet.
8 U.S. territories are defined as territories under the jurisdiction of the
9 United States, yet do not hold the same status as the 50 states.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Gaming Control Board will enforce this bill. This bill shall be
11 implemented on November 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Bill to Develop New Nuclear Power Plants

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

2 **SECTION 1.** That the United States set aside a large amount of money for the
3 construction of new nuclear power plants in zones of the U.S. that are
4 not under the threat of being hit by a volcano, earthquake, or hurricane.
5 The power plants will have to meet the current safety regulations and
6 work with other places to use a Finland like disposal system for wasted
7 materials.

8 **SECTION 2.** A Nuclear Power Plant will be like the ones of the current
9 generation French Power Plants. Zones without volcanoes,
10 earthquakes, and hurricanes means areas in the interior of the nation
11 away from these natural disasters.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will oversee
13 implementing this legislation.

14 **A.** The power plants will be arranged so that they can support the
15 United States' power grids.

16 **B.** The safety requirements will be the same as current requirements for
17 nuclear power plants.

18 **SECTION 4.** The work towards the construction of these power plants will begin 60
19 days after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.

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A Bill to Provide Federal Funding to Add a Social and Emotional Learning Course in Public Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** One percent of all annual Department of Education funding will be
3 reallocated to provide content and resources to all public schools for the
4 purpose of instituting a mandatory high school course in social and
5 emotional learning.

6 **SECTION 2.** Social and emotional learning (SEL) refers to a wide range of skills,
7 attitudes, and behaviors that can affect student's success in school and
8 life.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this
10 legislation.

11 A. Content will be created and reviewed by the federal Department of
12 Education. Any modifications made to the content and materials must be
13 approved by the Department of Education.

14 B. All public-school systems must provide this class in high schools and
15 must use the designated government funding for this SEL course only.
16 States may opt out but will not receive funding.

17 C. Current similar courses must be modified to fit this course.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning in fiscal year 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.



A Bill to Raise Funding for Pediatric Cancer Research

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Institute of Health and the National Cancer Institute will increase
3 their allocation toward pediatric cancer research from 4% to 50%.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Pediatric cancer will be defined as all cancers that begin between birth and
5 14 years of age.

6 B. Currently, pediatric cancer receives 4% of the national cancer fund while
7 adult cancers receive the other 96%; the pediatric cancer portion will increase
8 to 50%.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce this legislation.

10 A. The National Cancer Institute will submit annual reports on the efficacy of
11 legislation.

12 B. Based on these findings Congress will reevaluate the allocation of this fund in
13 the Fiscal Year 2028.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in Fiscal Year 2024.

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



A Bill to Prevent Insurance Companies from Declining Doctor Prescribed Medical Care

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Insurance companies will be required to cover any medical care
3 prescribed by a health care provider and will no longer be allowed to
4 decline coverage.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medical care will be anything prescribed or ordered by a health care
6 provider. This will include medical tests, medication, treatments, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be responsible
8 for enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

9 A. The HHS will determine who qualifies as a health professional but will
10 include anyone who is currently allowed to prescribe and order
11 medical care, procedures, and medication.

12 B. The HHS will determine what medical procedures will be included but
13 will ensure that all medically necessary care will be covered.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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



A Resolution to Increase Mail-in Ballots and Drop-off Locations to Promote Democracy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Today over 400 anti-voter laws have been passed in 48 states nationwide, some
3 discriminatory and limiting to voters, and there is an age disparity when it comes
4 to voting; and

5 **WHEREAS,** In today's voting system, the laws in actions have suppressed the voices of many
6 such as Latinos, young individuals and the poor, and voters are having to wait in
7 longer lines in underfunded communities; and

8 **WHEREAS,** If we were to increase the use of mail-in ballots and increase drop off locations in
9 each state, county and city, voter turn would increase and discrimination would
10 decrease; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that state and local governments increase
12 the use of mail-in ballots and drop off locations to promote democracy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 3.

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A Bill to Limit the Amount of Foreign Oil and Gas in the United States in Order to Become Less Dependent

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall limit the amount of foreign oil and gas in the United States
3 by decreasing the amount of oil and gas imports into the United States by
4 10% every year until imports reach 20%.

5 **SECTION 2.** Foreign is defined as any country that is not part of the United States.
6 This does not include U.S territories. Import is defined as oil and gas
7 brought in from abroad to sell.

8 **SECTION 3.** These limits will be enforced by the United States Department of Energy.

9 A. Failure to comply with these limits will result in a fine of up to
10 \$100,000 and/or up to 6 years in prison.

11 B. All importers will have to meet the 10% annual decrease or be subject
12 to these fines. The only exception will be for companies who are
13 already below 20% by the date of this legislation passing, or who
14 meet 20% after the passing of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC 5.

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A Bill to Prohibit Testing on Animals

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall ban the use of animals in any
3 type of cosmetic or medical testing.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Animal Testing” is defined as the experimentation on non-human
5 animals including but not limited to exposure by contact, ingestion, or
6 inhalation of chemicals or unapproved substances.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the
8 enforcement of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into 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 ESC 8.



A Bill to Designate Funding to Enhance the Nation's Power Grid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Energy is designating funds to improve the national
3 power grid by making initial improvements and upkeeping it for the
4 following years.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Initial improvements and upkeep shall be defined as replacing outdated
6 transmission lines and providing funding for improved cybersecurity
7 measures.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Energy and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
9 Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 B. The Department of Energy shall distribute a lump sum of \$100 billion for initial
11 improvements and \$40 billion each of the next 10 years for maintenance and
12 upkeep.

13 C. Refusal to maintain the grid by the states could lead to a 25% funding
14 reduction year after year. States that refuse the improvements will see a 25%
15 reduction of funding until the initial improvements are complete.

16 D. The Department of Energy will acquire \$75 billion dollars from the U.S.
17 military's budget for one year to pay the lump sum.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enable Citizens from the U.S. Territories to Vote in Federal Elections

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 ---

SECTION 1: United States citizens living in the Territories of the United States shall be granted the right to vote in all federal elections.

SECTION 2: For the purpose of federal elections, all of those areas designated as Territories of the United States will function as a single entity. Federal elections shall be held according to rules set by Congress.

SECTION 3: Together, the Territories will be entitled to select two Senators and the number of Representatives which would be awarded to the Territories if it were a State. The designated Senators and Representative(s) will possess full voting rights in Congress.

SECTION 4: The Territories of the United States shall further appoint electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State. Electors shall perform such duties as provided by the Twelfth Amendment.

SECTION 2: The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.



A Bill to Ban all Political Corporate Contributions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All corporate political contributions will be banned, including to PACs and
3 dark-money campaign committees.

4 **SECTION 2.** PACs are Political Action Committees.

5 Dark-money Campaign Committees are political organizations that do not
6 have to disclose their donors.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will oversee this bill. Enforcement will
8 be through the Internal Revenue Service.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect for elections held beginning in 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.

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A Bill to Remove the Extreme Vetting Process for Refugees Who are Seeking Asylum

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove the extensive security processing and
3 screening known as Extreme Vetting that is currently in place and move
4 to an expedited vetting process for asylum refugees.

5 **SECTION 2.** Extreme Vetting is defined as: Enhanced collection and review of
6 biometric and biographical data.

7 **SECTION 3.** Refugee defined as a person who has been forced to leave their country
8 to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

9 **SECTION 4.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) shall oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 **SECTION 5.** Implementation of the bill shall go into effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.



A Bill to Tenure Supreme Court Justices to Protect Prosperity of The Court

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All Supreme Court Justices will be limited to one term of up to 16 (sixteen)

3 years on the Court. All Supreme Court Justices will be nominated by the

4 President and confirmed by the Senate.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term "All Supreme Court Justices" includes justices nominated after

6 this bill is passed. Current Justices will not be affected by this bill.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bill will be enacted and ordained by congress.

8 A. Supreme Court Justices will be nominated by the President and then

9 confirmed in a majority vote by the Senate. Once confirmed by the

10 Senate, members will serve up to 16 years on the Supreme Court.

11 B. On their 16th year, at the end of that Supreme Court session, they

12 will be termed out. The current sitting President at the time will then

13 nominate someone to fill that seat and they will go through the same

14 nomination process.

15 C. If a Justice chooses to retire or passes away, the President will

16 nominate someone to fill the empty seat and they will go through the

17 nomination process.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on the first Monday of October in 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.



A Resolution to Formally Recognize Taiwan as the Republic of China to Protect Democracy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' Federal Government does not formally recognize the
2 government of Taiwan and endangers democracy in the east; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Increased military pressure from the People's Republic of China (PRC)
4 makes the possibility of an invasion imminent; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The PRC's lack of concern for human rights in the region suggests that
6 their hostility toward Taiwan means the nation is not out of the question;
7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** If Taiwan were to fall, the United States would lack a critical ally in the
9 Indian Ocean and lose a major manufacturing partner; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The PRC's rampant human rights and privacy violations make them
11 unsuitable partners in Asia; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Formally recognizing the government of Taiwan as the Republic of China
13 and sets a precedent for international allies; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will recognize the Republic of
15 China as an independent political entity.



A Bill to Fund High Speed Rail and Disincentivize Car Use

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government will allocate a total of \$1.5 trillion to fund the
3 building of high-speed rail systems and the disincentivizing of cars over a
4 10-year period of time, to give more energy efficient and clean travel
5 choices for Americans.

6 **SECTION 2.** Disincentivizing methods will be government-imposed ways to
7 discourage use of cars and encourage the use of new and old public
8 transit. Disincentivizing methods include, but are not limited to,
9 expanding the amount of toll roads, taxing the use of cars in areas with
10 plentiful public transit, and reducing the number of parking lots in cities.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation shall be responsible for the
12 implementation of this bill.

13 a. 85% of funding will be used to build high speed rail systems across the
14 country. 5% of funding will be used for disincentivizing methods against
15 cars. 10% of funding will be for marketing and hiring resources.

16 b. Revenue to fund this legislation will come from enforcement of taxation
17 on corporations that only pay the 15% minimum, like pharmaceuticals
18 and big tech.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2023.

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