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A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Drug Related Crimes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Department of Justice will end the use of mandatory minimum
3 sentences for drug related crimes and those serving minimum sentences of 20
4 years or more will have their cases reopened and retried.

5 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory minimum sentences will be defined as sentences which the court
6 must give to a person convicted of a crime, no matter what the unique
7 circumstances of the offender or the offense are. Drug related crimes will be
8 defined as violations of laws prohibiting or regulating the possession, use,
9 distribution, or manufacture of illegal drugs.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 3.

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A Resolution to Restrict the Use of Military Laser Technology to Ensure Soldier Safety and Livelihoods while Using Laser Weapons

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Laser weapons are extremely new, and can have many unforeseen
2 complications; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The unknown portions of these weapons, causes, and effectiveness could have
4 disastrous impacts on the operators; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Laser heat can be extremely harmful, the radiated beam can have destructive
6 impacts on its environment, and unknown reaction to different elements could
7 occur; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The laser technology is extremely experimental, and should be used with
9 caution; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following resolution for laser
11 technology to be further researched before battlefield implementation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.



A Bill to Improve the Mental Well Being of High School Students by Allowing Students to Take Mental Health Days without Penalty to Attendance

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All students that attend a public high school shall be allowed two excused
3 absences, per semester, for their mental well-being at their individual
4 discretion.

5 **SECTION 2.** An excused absence is one that does not count against mandatory
6 attendance hours, but students must still make up any assignments they
7 miss.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Education.

- 9 A. Just as a student with a doctor's note would be notarized as excused,
10 a mental health day will fit the same qualifications.
- 11 B. Students currently are penalized with an unexcused absence resulting
12 in them not being able to make up work and counting against their
13 mandatory attendance hours whereas an excused absence would
14 ensure their ability to make up missed assignments and prevent them
15 from owing hours on account of them taking care of their mental
16 well-being.

17 **SECTION 4.** The bill would be enforced starting at the beginning of the 2023-2024
18 school year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC7.

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A Resolution to Create a Separate League for Transgender Athletes

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In any national sporting competition, transgender athletes should not be
2 made to play a sport with a gender in which they do not identify, nor
3 should they be allowed to participate with the gender they have or are
4 transitioning to due to genetic differences; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Transgender athletes should not be forced to feel dysphoric in a place
6 where they do not identify themselves, while also having a disadvantage
7 or an advantage over cisgender individuals; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** All athletes deserve a league to compete and feel good about themselves
9 as competitors without attention of transgendered opinions; now
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation that the transgendered community shall have their own
13 league where the biological differences will not alter the competition,
14 allowing the sport to be fair and safe for all participants.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.



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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.



A Bill to Increase Public Firearm Safety

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal background checks will be required whenever a firearm changes
3 ownership to ensure the would-be owner is eligible.

4 **SECTION 2.** Eligibility to own a firearm shall be defined as all citizens of the United
5 States who are not: A), under 21 years of age, or B) under investigation
6 by a state or federal agency, or C) on the Federal Terrorism Watchlist, or
7 D) ineligible to own a gun before the passage of this act, with the criteria
8 listed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
10 Firearms, and Explosives.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation would go into effect on January 31, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.

A Resolution to Prevent the Censorship of Materials with Educational Relevance in High Schools



A Resolution to Implement a One-Party System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States legislative system is currently ineffective in its duty in
2 passing legislation; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This issue can lead to gridlocks, civil unrest, and the intentional sabotage
4 of fellow political representatives, among other things; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** These issues can lead to inefficiency in passing legislation which is a great
6 detriment to our civilization; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The obvious divide among the citizen population does cause several
8 disputes, and is a great detriment to the general wellbeing of our
9 government and population; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation for the implementation of a One-Party

system. *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.*

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A Bill to End Disenfranchisement of Ex-Felons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals who have been formally incarcerated should be awarded their
3 constitutional right to vote.

4 **SECTION 2.** Formally incarcerated is to be defined as anyone who has been in a
5 carceral setting and is now released. Prison, immigration facilities,
6 detention centers, local jails and juvenile detention centers are all
7 included under this umbrella term.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee this change in conjunction
9 with the Bureau of Prisons.

10 **A.** Each state will be required to provide a bi-annual report of formally
11 incarcerated citizens to maintain oversight.

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

13 **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 Recognize the State of Palestine

1 **WHEREAS,** The Human Rights Watch condemns the actions of the Israeli government
2 and its forceful occupation over the Palestinian Territory; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Israel's unlawful use of artillery bombardment and forced eviction of
4 Palestinians in May of 2021 resulted in the displacement of over 38,000
5 Palestinians; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Israel's vaccine distribution policies amidst the COVID-19 pandemic
7 highlighted discriminatory policies instituted by the Israeli government,
8 with 5,000 vaccines being relegated to a population of over 6.8 million
9 citizens despite sufficient vaccine doses; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The Israeli government stands in violation of international law through
11 the Apartheid Convention due to their severe human rights violations and
12 extensive discrimination of native Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza
13 Strip; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Tensions between the Israeli government and the Hamas terrorist
15 organization will keep rising so long as the Palestinian conflict is
16 unresolved; and

17 **WHEREAS,** American diplomacy has the potential to severely deter Israel from
18 violating international human rights laws as well as the potential to
19 establish the basis for the expansion of American political interests in the
20 Middle East; now, therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recognize the state of Palestine as a
22 sovereign nation, with the Palestinian Authority as their de facto
23 authority through the powers invested in them through their written
24 constitution; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the U.S. government be encouraged to initiate treaties with
26 the Palestinian Authority regarding Palestine's right to exist and thrive as
27 an independent sovereign state in an international setting.



A Resolution to Reinstate the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI)

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The amount of United States military personnel had decreased by over
2 half from the 1950's to present with the official numbers diminishing 2.9
3 million members in the military to the current 1.3 million people; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Department of Defense estimates that 71 percent of the roughly 34
5 million 17 to 24 year olds in the US today would fail to qualify based on
6 the current enlistment criteria because of physical or mental health
7 issues, low educational scores or major criminal convictions; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** A small army incapable of expanding hurts our own capabilities and
9 makes enemies less fearful of the U.S. Military; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Since the year 2001, over 109,250 members of the Armed Forces have
11 obtained their citizenship by serving this nation through the Military
12 Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MANVI) program; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The suspension of MANVI in 2016 has prevented thousands of
14 immigrants from becoming citizens and exposed to many who had
15 enlisted to the danger of losing their legal status and being subject to
16 deportation; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that the Military Accessions Vital
18 to the National Interest (MAVNI) be reinstated to ensure a continued
19 alternative route to citizenship while also providing military personnel.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.

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A Bill to Implement AI Congressional Redistricting

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All Congressional districts shall no longer be drawn by state legislatures
3 and instead shall be redrawn by artificial intelligence software.

4 **SECTION 2.** Artificial Intelligence Software shall be defined as a machine-based
5 system that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make
6 predictions, recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual
7 environments.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission and U.S. Census Bureau will oversee the
9 implementation of this bill

10 A. The Federal Election Commission will oversee the administration and
11 maintenance of the AI system

12 B. The US Census Bureau will provide necessary data to analyze districts
13 every 10 years to accommodate population changes

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Term Limits for the Supreme Court

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: Justices of the Supreme Court shall now be limited to 18 years

SECTION 2: The 18-year limit for which sitting justices can serve shall start upon the ratification of this legislation.

SECTION 3: No more than three justices will be removed due to term limitations in a Calendar year. Removal will occur according to the Court Calendar during the first recess in the Court. Removal will occur during the first court break in a given calendar year. If 3 or more justices require a term limit. Removal, the member with the shortest service will roll over to the next calendar year and will be removed during that year. If the initial implementation of the amendment requires 3 or more judicial appointments due to term limits, a bipartisan committee made up of members of the House of representatives will nominate potential jurists with ratification by the U.S. Senate. Other Supreme Court replacements for death, retirement, or personal choice will not be affected.

SECTION 4: In all other instances, new justices shall be appointed using the methods outlined in Article 3 of the United States Constitution.

SECTION 4: Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.

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A Resolution to Decrease Foreign Land Ownership in America to Protect the National Interests of National Security and Resource Security

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Many foreign investors are buying American land to monopolize and take
2 advantage of our economy; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This creates challenges regarding national security, and resource security
4 (e.g. water, food, and oil); and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** With 37.6 million acres of arable farm and forest land being owned by
6 foreign powers, the United States is losing these resources to provide for
7 the increasing population; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Many resources are being unfairly gathered, the price of these resources
9 will increase and local farmers and ranchers will be choked out of the
10 market, because foreign powers do not have America's best interest in
11 mind; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States federal
13 government will fully support increasing U.S. Department of Agriculture
14 funding by 35 million annually to become fully aware of operations being
15 done on U.S. soil; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any threats to our national security or resource security by
17 any foreign corporation or investor will be repatriated.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 8.



A Bill to Regulate Purchase of American Land by China

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any purchases of American land by China will have to be approved by the
3 Department of Defense before purchase.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** American land will be defined as any land on American territory.

5 **B.** China will be defined as Chinese citizens and Chinese government.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security
7 will jointly oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon implementation.

9 **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 Resolution to Reform the Foster Care System to Eliminate Abuse and Exploitation

1 **WHEREAS,** Many foster children are being sent to abusive and neglectful homes; and

2 **WHEREAS,** Almost one-third of foster homes are recorded to be abusive, with a
3 multitude more abuse cases flying under the radar; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The childhood abuse that these children sustain lead to developmental
5 problems that can hinder their future and, in some cases, lead to a
6 criminal lifestyle; and

7 **WHEREAS,** It is vitally important for us to solve these problems to not only reduce
8 criminal actions that stem from this, but also provide safe homes for
9 children involved in this system; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Even with extensive background checks, many unfit homes are able to
11 progress through the foster care system and take advantage of subsidies
12 or involved children; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That this UIL Congress here assembled develop a system that includes a
14 trial period and required monthly unannounced home visits to inspect for
15 abuse, neglect, and overall hospitality of the home; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That families found guilty of abuse or extortion be removed from
17 the system and prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.

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A Bill for the Accessibility of Birth Control (ABC ACT)

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that contraception is a universal human right as outlined
3 in Griswold v. Connecticut (381 U.S. 479 (1965)), Eisenstadt v. Baird (405
4 U.S. 438 (1972)), Carey v. Population Services International (431 U.S. 678
5 (1977)), thus this Congress will pass H.R. 8373 The Right to Contraception
6 Act.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Congress uses the definition of Contraception as defined by the
8 National Cancer Institute as “The use of drugs, devices, or surgery to
9 prevent pregnancy.”

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Health & Human Services, and Agency for
11 Healthcare Research and Quality shall be jointly responsible for the
12 enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

13 A. The Attorney General may commence a civil action on behalf of the
14 United States against any violators.

15 B. The U.S Department of Health & Human will create regulations.

16 C. Any state found in noncompliance with H.R. 8373 will receive a 10%
17 reduction in federal funding for the following 2 fiscal years.

18 **SECTION 4.** The implementation will be immediate after the bill is passed.

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 Resolution to Grant Teachers Higher Compensation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Teachers should receive a higher salary and reasonable compensation
2 because the compensation of working teachers is not equivalent to the
3 work they put in; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Teachers are entitled to substantial compensation because the work they
5 are required to do is beyond just education; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** This ongoing undervaluation, combined with a decline in education
7 funding, has created a national teacher shortage; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The under compensation of teachers is the most prevalent example of
9 the wage gap between men and women; now, therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation for the solution to grant teachers' higher compensation
12 for their work, by granting full tax exemption status to teachers.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.



A Bill to Limit Each Household to Two Gas Powered Vehicles

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All households will be limited to the ownership of two gas powered
3 vehicles.

4 **SECTION 2.** Gas powered includes any vehicle that using combustion as the driving
5 force of the engine. Household is the residence in which the person lives.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Motor Vehicles will enforce this bill by auditing
7 households and by keeping records of cars owned by address.

8 A. Household will only be able to register 2 cars.

9 B. A fine of \$5000.00. per year per car over the limit

10 C. The fine will go to increase research into alternate fuels.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 19.



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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.