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## A Resolution to Halt US Migrant Protection Protocols

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Trump administration officials adopted a policy of sending asylum  
2 seekers arriving at ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border to Mexico to  
3 wait for the duration of their U.S. immigration proceedings and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Trump Administration officials have sent 37,578 asylum seekers back  
5 across the border to Mexico in the last seven months and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The “Migration Protection Protocols” (MPP)—frequently referenced as  
7 “Remain in Mexico”—has nothing to do with migrant protection; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** many US asylum officers have stated that the MPP policy violates  
9 international and federal law and is “fundamentally contrary to the moral  
10 fabric of our country “; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled halt Migrant Protection Protocols;  
12 and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US Federal Government immediately accept all asylum  
14 seekers into the US during their asylum-seeking process.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.*



## **A Bill to Waive the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 for Puerto Rico**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as the Jones Act, will be  
3 waived for Puerto Rico to allow for transport of liquefied natural gas  
4 (LNG) from the U.S. to Puerto Rico.

5 **SECTION 2.** In conjunction with the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau (PREB), the United  
6 States Maritime Administration (USMA) will oversee the waiver of the  
7 Merchant Marine Act.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will go into effect on March 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.*



## A Resolution to Provide Secure Homes for Homeless United States Military Veterans

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
2 estimates that 40,056 veterans are homeless on any given night: and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Nearly half of homeless veterans served during the Vietnam era. Two-  
4 thirds served our country for at least three years, and one-third were  
5 stationed in a war zone; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** About 1.4 million other veterans, meanwhile, are considered at risk of  
7 homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living  
8 conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income and access to  
10 health care compounded by a lack of family and social support networks;  
11 and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Veterans need a coordinated effort that provides secure housing,  
13 nutritional meals, basic physical health care, substance abuse care and  
14 aftercare, mental health counseling, personal development and  
15 empowerment; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
17 recommendation to increase the Veteran's Administration ability to  
18 partner with community organizations to provide the secure housing our  
19 Veteran's deserve; and be it
- 20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this UIL Congress provide tax credits for organizations that  
21 partner with the Veteran's Administration.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.*



## A Resolution to Amend Title 45, Subtitle B, Chapter 2 to Increase Security for Welfare

- 1 **WHEREAS,** People are abusing the welfare system and are finding loopholes in the  
2 law; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This is a national epidemic with criminals taking government money  
4 designated for feeding families in need and putting it in the wrong hands;  
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Too many people get access to welfare and commit fraud by trafficking  
7 the cards for cash or restricted products; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** If not resolved, the number of crimes and government money illegally  
9 spent will continue to rise. If this epidemic is not controlled and serious  
10 restrictions put into place, the fraud and criminal activity will increase;  
11 now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
13 recommendation to revise Title 45, Subtitle B, Chapter 2 to increase  
14 security for welfare.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.*



## A Bill to Remove Cannabis from the Controlled Substance Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Cannabis will be decriminalized at the federal level by removing it from  
3 Subsection (c) of schedule I of section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances  
4 Act.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) is the federal drug policy, which  
6 regulates the manufacture, importation, possession, use, and distribution  
7 of Cannabis. The term “cannabis” means either marijuana or cannabis as  
8 defined under the State law authorizing the sale or use of cannabis in  
9 which the individual or entity is located.

10 **SECTION 3.** This will recognize the rights of individual states to enforce their own  
11 cannabis laws.

12 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 7.*



## A Bill to Allocate Adequate Funding to Enhance Broadband Accessibility

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS U.I.L. CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall hereby require internet  
3 service providers to contribute 15% of end-user revenue to the Universal  
4 Service Fund in order to better fund broadband accessibility.

5 **SECTION 2.** Internet service providers shall be defined as any company that supplies  
6 internet access to patrons. End-user revenue shall be defined as the  
7 profits acquired from the consumers of internet service provider services.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) will ensure the  
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 A. The F.C.C. will accumulate internet coverage data by conducting  
11 surveys of communities throughout the United States.

12 B. The distribution of the funds shall be determined according to the  
13 internet coverage data collected.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect by 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.*



## A Resolution to Stop Fracking

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    Fracking is controversial because of the negative effects it can have on  
2                    the air, water, and soil of the fracked areas; and
- 3    **WHEREAS,**    The main chemicals released in the fracking process is methane which is  
4                    25 times stronger than carbon dioxide in terms of trapping heat, the  
5                    release of this gas is detrimental to the air quality of surrounding fracking  
6                    sites; and
- 7    **WHEREAS,**    Millions of gallons of water are used in the fracking process, which  
8                    directly reduces the amount of clean water available to surrounding  
9                    residents; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**    Fracking also increases the potential for oil spills and may cause  
11                   earthquakes due to the high pressure used to extract oil and gas; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**    Fracking can provide more oil and gas resources to consumers, the  
13                   process of extraction has long-lasting negative impacts on the  
14                   surrounding environments; now, therefore, be it
- 15   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled will abolish and criminalize all  
16                   fracking operations.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.*





## A Bill to Mandate the Immunization of School Age Children

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

2 **SECTION 1.** States must hereby develop regulations to require that all children must  
3 be immunized according to the requirements approved by the Center for  
4 Disease Control.

5 **SECTION 2.** A child entering a school that receives federal funding must be  
6 immunized against chickenpox, hepatitis-b, measles, meningitis, mumps,  
7 diphtheria, polio, rubella, tetanus, and whooping cough.

8 A. Any child failing to receive these immunizations may not be allowed  
9 to enroll in school.

10 B. Doctors may grant waivers if it is deemed that the immunizations are  
11 life threatening.

12 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Health and Human  
13 Services.

14 A. States that fail to comply with this act will lose all federal education  
15 funding.

16 B. Parents failing to immunize their children are subject to criminal  
17 prosecution.

18 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will be implemented January 31, 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 3.*



## A Resolution to Resume Food Aid to North Korea to Promote Food Security

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The United States and the international community have imposed  
2                   significant sanctions on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea in a  
3                   policy of “maximum pressure” toward denuclearization of the nation; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Sanctions on oil-based imports have contributed to the worst harvest in a  
5                   decade as well as an inability to transport vital medical aid in the country;  
6                   and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Over 40% of the population of North Korea suffers from severe food  
8                   insecurity, meaning that over 10 million civilians don’t have food to last  
9                   until the next harvest; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   North Korea is currently experiencing one of the highest rates of  
11                  tuberculosis in the world, a problem fueled by chronic malnutrition; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**   The harmful effects of sanctions imposed by the United States are  
13                  primarily felt by civilians, not those in positions of power; and
- 14   **WHEREAS,**   The sanctions have not historically been effective in stopping  
15                  Pyongyang’s development of nuclear weapons technology; now,  
16                  therefore, be it
- 17   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled resume food aid to the Democratic  
18                  People’s Republic of Korea.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.*

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## A Resolution to Sanction Morocco to Protect the Sahrawi

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Morocco occupies the disputed territory of Western Sahara; and  
2 **WHEREAS,** Morocco has continued to violate the terms of a ceasefire brokered with  
3 the native Sahrawi people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic; and  
4 **WHEREAS,** The independence referendum created under the terms of UNSCR 690  
5 has been stalled indefinitely by Moroccan occupation; and  
6 **WHEREAS,** Moroccan forces in Western Sahara continues to repress dissent against  
7 their regime, detaining and imprisoning activists without fair trial; now,  
8 therefore, be it  
9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States should impose  
10 targeted economic sanctions on Moroccan companies that operate in  
11 Western Sahara; and, be it  
12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States should encourage other countries to join its  
13 efforts to increase pressure on Morocco to comply with the terms of the  
14 ceasefire.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.*



## A Resolution to Restore Voting Rights to Ex-Felons

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Only fourteen states and the District of Columbia automatically allow ex-  
2 felons to register to vote after being released from jail or prison; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** In twelve states, felons lose their voting rights indefinitely or require a  
4 petition to the government in order for rights to be restored; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** 6.2 million voting age citizens are unable to vote due to prior felony  
6 convictions; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Banning those with felony records from voting rights removes an  
8 incentive to rebuild their lives; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress restore full voting rights to ex-felons  
10 immediately after their release from penitentiaries.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.*



## A Bill to Subsidize Space-Saving GMO Research

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Research and application for genetically modified organisms (GMOs)  
3 should be federally subsidized in order to reduce the farmland required  
4 for the United States to be self-sustaining.

5 **SECTION 2.** GMO: any crop or organism that underwent DNA alteration.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the bill.

7 A. Funding from the USDA Fiscal Year 2020 “Strategic Goal 2; subsection  
8 ‘Research, Education and Economics’; ‘extramural agricultural  
9 research’” will be reallocated to subsidize research.

10 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect on the first day of the next fiscal year upon  
11 passage of the bill.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.*



## **A Bill to Create a Branch of the US Military for Cyber Warfare**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The lines between cybercrime and cyberwarfare are becoming blurred as  
3 more and more nations' armed forces are using cyber operations to  
4 attack the essential financial and infrastructure institutions of their  
5 enemies. The NSA is used by the United States to detect and defend our  
6 interests against cyber-attack; the Cy Command allows military response.  
7 Under the current system, NSA and Cy Command do not work fluidly  
8 together because of their differing methodologies.

9 **SECTION 2.** Definition of Terms - National Security Administration(NSA); Cyber  
10 Command (CyCommand)

11 **SECTION 3.** Seeing that it is vital that the United States protects itself from cyber-  
12 attack, the Federal Government will form a branch of military exclusively  
13 for Cyber Warfare. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee  
14 the implementation process of this new branch.

15 A. The current combined efforts of the United States Military branches  
16 are ill-suited to training and utilizing cyber-warriors.

17 B. This branch will allow the United States Military to more effectively  
18 use and prevent cyber-attacks.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 31, 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 14.*



## A Bill to Enact the 3-Strike Policy for Drug Offenses

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will implement the following drug offense reform to  
3 reduce the drug addiction epidemic.

4 **SECTION 2.** Drug offense will be defined as possession and/or being under the influence  
5 of any highly addictive drug. Highly addictive drugs include Opioids,  
6 Benzodiazepines, Illegal Stimulants, Synthetic Drugs, and Hallucinogens. The  
7 selling of drugs will not be affected by this reform and will continue to follow  
8 current law.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration will work with the Justice Department  
10 to enforce a 3-strike policy for drug offenses by adhering to the following:

11 A. On the 1st offense, the offender will pay a ticket associated with the  
12 crime they have committed.

13 B. On the 2nd offense, the offender will attend a drug rehab center for a  
14 duration of time determined by the Justice Department while also paying  
15 a ticket associated with the offense they have committed.

16 C. On the 3rd offense, the offender will be sent to a correctional institute as  
17 determined by the Justice Department.

18 **SECTION 4.** This policy will be implemented by January 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.*



## A Resolution to Increase Counseling to the Young to Decrease Mental Illnesses

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Up to 19.1% of U.S. adults experienced mental illness in 2018; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** An estimated 17.1 million children have or have had a psychiatric disorder;
- 3 and half of all psychiatric illnesses occur before the age of 14 and 75 percent by
- 4 the age of 24; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The number is continually increasing and people with depression have a 40%
- 6 higher risk of developing cardiovascular and metabolic diseases than the general
- 7 population. People with serious mental illness are nearly twice as likely to
- 8 develop these conditions; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** As a direct cause of mental illnesses suicide is on the rise by 46%. 90% of
- 10 people who die by suicide have shown symptoms of a mental health condition,
- 11 according to interviews with family, friends and medical professionals; now,
- 12 therefore be it,
- 13 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that counseling provided to children from
- 14 the age of 8 and up shall be increased in order to decrease shootings and other
- 15 mental health-related issues as well as to decrease crime rates and health issues. *Introduced for*  
*UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.*

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## A Bill to Regulate Usage of Crypto Currencies in E-Commerce

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth the usage of any form of crypto currency will be disallowed in  
3 the United States in all online sales for the protection of U.S. consumers  
4 until such a time as a currency has been able to remain stable for an  
5 entire fiscal year.

6 **SECTION 2.** Stable shall be defined as staying within a 5 dollar (plus or minus) range.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented jointly by the Securities and Exchange  
8 Committee and the Department of Treasury.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the onset of Fiscal Year 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.*



## A Bill to Abolish Affirmative Action in College Admissions Decisions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The policy of affirmative action and its use in admissions decisions will be  
3 eliminated within collegiate education.

4 **SECTION 2.** Collegiate education is defined as any further education beyond high  
5 school, including but not limited to 2- or 4-year public and private  
6 universities, trade schools, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will enforce this piece of legislation.

8 A. Students who are currently enrolled in a college or related school on  
9 an affirmative action related decision will not be affected by this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the Fall 2020 school semester.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 8.*



## A Resolution to Combat Global Warming Through Experimental Research

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Global temperatures are on the rise with no end in sight; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   New technology looks hopeful to help combat these rising temperatures; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Global temperatures are reaching a tipping point, ice melting around the globe is
- 4                   ever-increasing, and climate change has shown a significant impact upon
- 5                   ecosystems, economies, and the environment as a whole; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Millions and potentially billions of people are at risk of displacement or loss of
- 7                   life; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   Wildfire seasons have become more intense, frequent, and costly since the rise
- 9                   of global temperatures; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,**   Significant weather events are only becoming more intense as well as more
- 11                  frequent; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
- 13                  create a federal grant to assist scientists attempting to geoengineer the Earth's
- 14                  atmosphere; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Environmental Protection Agency study the effects
- 16                  geoengineering will have on the Earth in regards to both long term and short-
- 17 term consequences.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.*

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## A Bill to Enact The Heartbeat Act of 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All abortions that occur after the detection of a heartbeat are hereby  
3 prohibited. Medical professionals that carry out terminations of pregnancies  
4 shall be referred to the Department of Justice. Violation of Section One is a Class  
5 A Felony. The Department of Justice will be responsible in formulating the  
6 elements to the respective crime.

7 **SECTION 2.** "All Abortions" shall be defined as, medical termination of pregnancies to  
8 include rape and incest but exemption to this exists when there is a threat to  
9 the mother's life.

10 "Detection of a Heartbeat" shall be defined as, the 5 ½ week to 6-week period  
11 after gestation in which a heartbeat can be detected.

12 "Medical Professional" shall be defined as, any individual that is responsible for  
13 carrying out the act of abortion.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for the enforcement of this  
15 legislation. All necessary funds required to carry out the enforcement of this  
16 legislation will come from the annual budget of the Department of Justice. The  
17 Department of Health and Human Services will assist Department of Justice  
18 Investigators in all investigations and prosecutions as a result of this legislation's  
19 enactment.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 upon the passage of this legislation.

21 **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 Restart Peace Negotiations with the Taliban to End the War in Afghanistan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Trump Administration ended the proposed peace deal with the  
2 Taliban in September 2019 after the killing of an American soldier in a  
3 suicide attack in Kabul; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Peace talks with the Taliban had been going on for a year and would've  
5 led to the full withdrawal of US troops; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The War in Afghanistan has lasted 18 years, making it the longest conflict  
7 in American history; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The War in Afghanistan has caused the death of 2,400 American service  
9 members; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The War in Afghanistan has spent \$2.4 trillion in American taxpayer  
11 money; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States should  
13 imminently restart peace talks with the Taliban.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.*