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BIRTH-CC ACT of 2023

Basic Income Relief for Temporary Hardship caused by Childcare

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will provide a basic income for a first-time parent
3 who leaves the workforce to care for their child for up to 1 year.

4 **SECTION 2.** The basic income will be set at \$2,500 dollars a month.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services, working alongside the Internal
6 Revenue Service, will manage enforcement of this bill.

7 A. A new tax called the BIRTH-CC tax will be created, generated from a
8 payroll tax set at 3% to help offset the cost of the bill.

9 B. Parents will prove eligibility through a combination of a birth certificate,
10 social security number, and continued proof of unemployment.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect starting January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.

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A Bill to Expand Access to Naloxone to Combat Opioid Crisis

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill seeks to address the national opioid crisis by implementing a
3 multifaceted approach that includes prevention, treatment, hard
4 reduction, and law enforcement to curb the opioid epidemic.

5 **SECTION 2. Opioid Crisis:** a public health emergency characterized by the widespread
6 misuse and addiction to opioid substances.

7 **Harm reduction:** Strategies and programs designed to reduce the
8 negative consequences of drug use.

9 **Treatment and Recovery Programs:** Programs/services aimed at helping
10 individuals with opioid addiction receive treatment and counseling.

11 **Naloxone:** A medication that can rapidly reverse opioid effects.

12 **SECTION 3.** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
13 will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with harm reduction and
14 treatment and recovery programs.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2025, with immediate
16 implementation of naloxone distribution programs overseen by SAMHSA.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



A Resolution to Generate Justice in Public School Finance Systems to Create Equitable Funds and Opportunities

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Funding public schools with property taxes doesn't allow individual
2 school taxing districts to generate equitable per pupil funding; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Property poor districts must tax at higher values to generate the same
4 amount of revenue as wealthy districts; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Many states have contributed a smaller percentage of total revenue for
6 public school districts each year for the past 10 years; and
7 **WHEREAS,** Districts are forced to cut programs, cut staff, delay needed construction,
8 or take other cost saving measures to maintain balanced budgets; now,
9 therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled generate consistent, equitable
11 funding that incorporates an annual inflationary adjustment to the basic allotment to
12 meet the needs of public schools.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20 .

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A Resolution to Support the United States' Involvement and Funding of Ukraine Defense against Russia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia has attacked Ukraine without being provoked; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine is a sovereign independent country separate from Russia and a member
- 3 of the United Nations (UN) requesting support against the invasion; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine and other Eastern European countries do not have the resources and
- 5 power to defend themselves against a country like Russia; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** If the United States does not support Ukraine along with the Western European
- 7 countries in this war, Russia will continue to try to resort to more invasions for
- 8 expansion of other Eastern European countries, resulting in complete chaos in
- 9 Europe; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
- 11 **commit to fully support Ukraine and Eastern European countries as long as**
- 12 **necessary to keep Russia from taking over other independent countries.**

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC2.

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A Bill to Allow Gender Affirming Care for Children aged 14 and Older

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will allow any individual over the
3 age of 14 to receive any and all gender affirming care without parental or
4 guardian permission.

5 **SECTION 2.** Gender Affirming care is any social, medical, surgical and/or legal step
6 that affirms an individual's gender identity.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
8 implementation of this bill. The HHS Department will guarantee gender
9 identity and sexual orientation protection for individuals over the age of
10 14 in all aspects of health care in the United States within the
11 department's purview.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted by June 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 1.***



A Resolution to Abolish the Electoral College

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The electoral college is an outdated system that currently hinders
2 democracy at its purest form; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The electoral college is known to produce more skewed results than the
4 more practical popular vote. Such irregular results can be seen through
5 various Presidential elections, where one candidate won the popular
6 vote, yet lost in the electoral college, thus losing the presidency.
7 Furthermore, several large states have a “winner takes all system in
8 place”, where whoever wins the popular vote in the state wins the
9 entirety of the state’s electoral votes, with thousands of votes
10 continuously going unheard; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Upholding the current system harms voters as campaign topics aren’t
12 equally distributed throughout states, with different candidates typically
13 prioritizing swing states and neglecting larger states. Furthermore,
14 thousands of votes are typically disregarded in “winner takes all states”,
15 ignoring voter voices; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** The current status quo harms the sanctity of democracy, and thus must
17 be abolished; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled passes a constitutional amendment to **abolish the**
19 **Electoral college.**

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 3**.*

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A Resolution to Increase Immigration to Solve America's Economic and Social Issues

- 1 **WHEREAS,** America's National Debt is at 98% of the nation's GDP and is projected to
2 be north of 150% by 2050, and any meaningful tax hike or spending cut
3 would have dire consequences; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. fertility rate has not exceeded replacement level since 2008; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** These factors would indicate future governmental fiscal instability and
6 population decline; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** These factors would render our economic and social systems
8 unsustainable and lead to their collapse; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled call for the Executive Branch to
10 reach a 5% annual increase in year-to-year foreign immigration to the
11 United States.

ntroduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Bill to Provide Funding for CMHCs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Each state will receive a grant of \$500,000,000 for the creation and
3 upkeep of Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs).

4 **SECTION 2.** Community Mental Health Centers shall be defined as any place that
5 provides emergency care options twenty-four hours a day, outpatient
6 services, specialized services for children, the elderly, individuals with
7 chronic mental illness, partial hospitalization services, and screenings for
8 mental illness.

9 **SECTION 3.** The creation and work of CMHCs will be overseen by the Substance
10 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) who will
11 also help determine where funds are spent in tandem with state
12 governments.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 31, 2024.

14 **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 Change Congressional Pay

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congressional pay shall be changed from \$174,000 to the “Mean
3 Household Income” of each representative congressional district.

4 A. This change shall only affect the House of Representatives.

5 B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive one and
6 one third of the Mean Household Income of their congressional
7 district

8 **SECTION 2.** *Mean Household Income* is defined as the average amount of income a
9 single-family household brings in as recorded by the United States Census
10 Bureau

11 **SECTION 3.** This act shall be enforced by the Department of the Treasury and the
12 Department of Commerce.

13 A. The Department of the Treasury will be responsible for dispersing
14 payments to congresspeople.

15 B. The Census Bureau will provide statistical data about Mean
16 Household Income to the Department of the Treasury to use to
17 correctly distribute funds.

18 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect on the 1st of January 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Term Limits on Congress

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: No person who has served three terms as a Representative shall be qualified for the House of Representatives. For purposes of this section, the appointment of a person to fill an opening in the House of Representatives shall be included as one term in deciding the number of terms that such person has served as a Representative if the person fills the vacancy for more than one year.

SECTION 2: No person who has served two terms as a Senator shall be qualified for the Senate. For purposes of this section, the appointment of a person to fill a role in the Senate shall be included as one term in determining the number of terms that such person has served as a Senator if the person fills the role for more than three years.

SECTION 3: No term beginning before the date of the approval of this legislation shall be taken into account in determining eligibility for election or appointment under this legislation.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12 .



A Bill to Ban Arms Sales to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill bans the United States Federal Government from selling and providing
3 military aid in the form of Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales to
4 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereafter referred to as Saudi Arabia. This bill is
5 introduced to remedy continued humans' rights abuses in Saudi Arabia.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Foreign Military Sales (FMS)- A U.S. Government program for transferring
7 defense articles, services, and training to our international partners and
8 international organizations.

9 B. Direct Commercial Sales (DCS)-When U.S. companies obtain commercial
10 export licenses, allowing them to directly negotiate and sell defense articles and
11 services to foreign nations.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, in cooperation with the Department of State, will
13 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Defense will suspend all Foreign Military Sales.

15 B. The Department of State will suspend all Direct Commercial Sales licenses.

16 C. All sales in effect past January 1st, 2024, will be canceled, and any company
17 found violating this law will have all DCS licenses suspended indefinitely and
18 fined an amount not exceeding 100 million dollars.

19 D. The Department of State will give bi-annual reports on the state of human
20 rights abuses in Saudi Arabia to the House Foreign Affairs Committee and
21 the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

22 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 15.

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A Bill to Stop the Manufacture of Assault Weapons and to Reclaim Existing Assault Weapons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All manufacturing of assault weapons will cease, excluding manufacturing
3 for military and law enforcement. In addition, existing assault weapons,
4 voluntarily surrendered, will be purchased, destroyed, or repurposed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Assault weapons are defined as semi-automatic or automatic firearms,
6 excluding handguns.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives will oversee
8 enforcement.

9 A. Assault weapons voluntarily surrendered will be purchased for \$2000.

10 B. Assault weapons surrendered will be made available to law
11 enforcement entities through a grant program, any unclaimed or
12 unusable assault weapons will be destroyed.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2026.

14 **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 Reschedule Psychedelics to Increase Research and Treatment of Mental Health

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States Federal Government Schedules psychedelics as a
2 ‘Schedule 1’, under the Controlled Substances Act, meaning research, let
3 alone treatment through psychedelics, is highly limited because it is
4 determined to be of no medical use and at high risk for abuse; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The National Institutes of Health states that possession of psychedelics,
6 even for research is illegal; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Mental Health America estimates 93.5% of Americans do not receive
8 any form of treatment for substance use disorders, and The Journal of
9 Clinical Psychiatry states 30.9% of those suffering with depression have
10 treatment-resistant depression; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Hallucinogens such as DMT, MDMA, LSD, and psilocin have shown
12 measurable progress in treating depression, anxiety, substance use
13 disorders, and PTSD, therefore proving evidence of medical use; and be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
15 recommendation to amend the Controlled Substances Act to reschedule
16 DMT, MDMA, LSD, and psilocin to allow for increased research and access
17 of treatment.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 18**.*

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A Bill to Regulate Temperature Control in Prisons to Eliminate Temperature-Related Deaths in Inmates

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All jails and prisons within the United States (local, county, state, and
3 federal) will be required to provide universal temperature control for
4 incarcerated individuals, maintaining conditions at room temperature 24
5 hours a day.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Room temperature” will be defined as 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit.

7 **SECTION 3.** Regulation of this bill will be provided by the Department of Justice’s
8 Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

9 A. Facilities will install heating and cooling units that are maintained
10 regularly.

11 B. Any variations in temperature beyond the control of the local
12 facilities will be reported to BOP and will be rectified within a
13 reasonable amount of time.

14 C. Institutions found out to be out of compliance will be fined per day of
15 non-compliance.

16 **SECTION 4.** Institutions will be required to initiate necessary infrastructure planning
17 upon passage of this bill and must be in compliance within one calendar
18 year.

19 **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 Promote Pleistocene Rewilding on Government Land

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There is a pressing need to address biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems to
2 their natural balance; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Pleistocene rewilding, involving the reintroduction of key prehistoric species to
4 their historic habitats, has shown promise in restoring ecological health; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The rewilding of megafauna, such as mammoths and saber-toothed cats and
6 their modern equivalents, can help control vegetation and improve habitat
7 diversity; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Pleistocene rewilding can promote ecotourism, create jobs, and stimulate
9 economic growth in regions where it is implemented; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Successful pilot projects of Pleistocene rewilding have demonstrated positive
11 ecological impacts, including increased plant diversity and healthier ecosystems;
12 and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Government-owned lands provide suitable opportunities for large-scale
14 Pleistocene rewilding initiatives; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
16 Pleistocene rewilding projects on government-owned lands as a means to
17 restore ecosystems and promote biodiversity; and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these initiatives be conducted in close collaboration with
19 environmental experts and stakeholders, ensuring responsible management and **monitoring of**
20 **rewilded areas.**

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.

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A Bill to Restrict Candidacy for Congressional Candidates Exceeding the Age of 65 at Any Time of their Desired Term

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any congressional candidate shall not exceed the age of 65 by the end of
3 their congressional term for the seat they are running for.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term "Congressional candidate" shall be defined as an individual
5 running for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee and enforce the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. The Federal Election Commission will start the enforcement of this bill
9 the second election following the implementation of the bill for each
10 seat.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect beginning on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.



A Bill to Require Drivers to be Organ Donors

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Every adult who is issued a driver's license in a state or province will be
3 automatically registered as an organ donor to increase the number of
4 viable organs for transplants.

5 **SECTION 2.** Adult: An individual who is at least 18 years of age.

6 Organ Donor: An individual whose body or part is the subject of an
7 anatomical gift.

8 **SECTION 3.** Health Resources & Services Administration and the U.S. Department of
9 Transportation will be responsible for enforcing this bill.

10 A. Those who wish to be excluded as an organ donor because of
11 religious, personal, or medical objection to being an organ donor will
12 be allowed to make such requests which will be screened by the U.S.
13 Department of Health Resources & Services Administration who will
14 be given an additional one hundred employees to facilitate this
15 screening process.

16 B. The U.S. Department of Transportation will be responsible for
17 ensuring that all eligible adults are registered to be donors.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be put into effect by March 1st, 2024

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 8.

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A Bill to Add Caffeine to the List of Controlled Substances

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will add caffeine to the list of controlled substances, making 16
3 the minimum age for drinking caffeinated beverages.

4 **SECTION 2.** A controlled substance is generally a drug or chemical whose
5 manufacture, possession, and use is regulated by the government, such
6 as illicitly used drugs or prescription medications that are designated by
7 law.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the U.S. Department of State.

9 A. Once the age limit is set children under the age of 16 will have a
10 lower intake of caffeinated beverages, such as soda, and sugar intake.
11 When they drink more juice and water it will benefit them in their
12 health such as dropping their risk of heart disease, cavities, and they
13 will be more hydrated. If they do sports as well it will benefit their
14 body tremendously by giving them more hydration and sharpness
15 when playing.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect May 21, 2024.

17 **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 Bill Regarding Landfills

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Effective January 1, 2025, communities shall enforce stricter standards
3 for rubbish, garbage, and trash disposal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Exceptions shall include rebates for appropriate participation in recycling
5 programs.

6 **SECTION 3.** Higher fees for trash removal/disposal shall be charged to consumers.
7 The customer shall be charged based on the amount of rubbish, garbage,
8 or trash that would be put into landfills.

9 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement shall be through local sanitation/waste removal
10 departments.

11 **SECTION 5.** Fines shall be charged to persons attempting to circumvent via illegal
12 dumping or burning of trash. Fines shall also be established for
13 inappropriate disposal of dangerous substances, chemicals, batteries, and
14 e-waste.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 19**.*



A Bill to Abolish the Willow Project

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will bar the Willow Project from being implemented in Alaska so that the
3 United States may move in the direction of adhering to the Paris Climate
4 Agreement.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Willow Project, approved on March 13th, 2023, is an oil drilling project
6 occurring in Alaska, run by ConocoPhillips (an Independent E&P Company).
7 Moreover, the Paris Climate Agreement is the compliance made by countries
8 internationally to circumscribe greenhouse gas emissions under the 1.5oC
9 threshold.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy shall
11 oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 A. The EPA shall preside over the discontinuation of the drilling as well as the
13 transportation of any materials away from the site.

14 B. The EPA shall issue fines related to the continuation of the Willow Project of
15 up to 250,000 dollars a day.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **State Clerk**.*