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## 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 Institute and Fund Supervised Injection Centers in Five Select Cities to Help Curb Heroin Overdose Deaths**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    During 2017, over 15,000 people died from drug overdoses involving  
2                    heroin in the United States, a rate of almost 5 deaths for every 100,000  
3                    Americans; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**    Heroin and related non-prescription injectable opioid-based drugs are  
5                    causing increasing deaths from overdose with each passing year; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Lack of legal support for the substance addicted forces them to purchase  
7                    and use said drugs in an unsafe and mostly unsupervised environment,  
8                    often without proper medical equipment or personnel nearby; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**    The cities of Louisville, Kentucky; Baltimore, Maryland; Espanola, New  
10                   Mexico; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Huntington, West Virginia, have  
11                   the highest rates of heroin related overdose in the nation; therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled institute and provide funding and  
13                   resources for supervised injection centers in these select cities to help  
14                   curb overdose deaths; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** These injection centers, if successful, be instituted in other cities  
16                   with high numbers of overdose deaths.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.*



## The Asylum Reform Act of 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** US Code Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II. Part 1 shall be amended to  
3 add the following:

4 A fourth clause in Section (a)(2) will state: Particular social groups  
5 include, but will not be limited to, victims of domestic violence victims,  
6 victims of gang violence, which includes human trafficking and drug  
7 trafficking, victims of terrorism, victims of cultural or social genocide, and  
8 those affected by humanitarian crises.

9 **SECTION 2.** Gang violence will be defined as any violence perpetrated by a member  
10 of a gang. Human trafficking will include both sex trafficking and labor  
11 trafficking.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice will  
13 oversee the enforcement of the bill.

14 A. They will create the new criterion for the new standard of asylum.

15 B. They will establish a new immigration court specifically for asylum  
16 cases.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented by July 1st, 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 13.*



## A Bill to Increase Accountability Among Police to Stop Police Brutality

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All police officers in the United States shall be required to wear a body  
3 camera whenever on duty.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Body camera” shall be defined as a small video camera worn on the  
5 body, typically used by police officers to record arrests, evidence from  
6 crime scenes, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be in charge of the enforcement of this  
8 bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect six months after passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 2.*



## A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum hourly wage will be increased from \$7.25 an hour  
3 to \$15 an hour, through the Raise the Wage Act.

4 **SECTION 2.** The \$15 an hour wage shall only apply to minimum wage workers,  
5 including the jobs who would be currently making \$7.25 an hour, and not  
6 including jobs like tipped workers.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor would be charged with enforcing the Raise  
8 the Wage Act, raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.55 by next  
9 year, and gradually raising the minimum wage over the next five years  
10 until it reaches \$15.

11 **SECTION 4.** The bill would be funded by employers, costing them \$120 billion more  
12 per year.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.*



## **A Bill to Remove Section 1116 Part A from the No Child Left Behind Legislation to Reform the State Assessment Requirement**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall remove the state assessment requirement that is tied to  
3 the state allocation of funds to school districts.

4 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall acknowledge that “remove” will not affect the totality of  
5 the bill, only extract the specific section.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will see that no school funds will be  
7 determined based on state assessments after the removal of Section  
8 1116 Part A from the bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will begin at the beginning of the federal timeline for  
10 schools, September 2020.

11 **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 Establish a \$0.75 per Milliliter Tax on Vapes to Reduce the Use of an Addictive Product**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Across the U.S. there are very few taxes on Vape products. This bill would  
3 establish a tax on Vapes in order to discourage the usage of the product.

4 **SECTION 2.** Vapes or Electronic Cigarettes heat nicotine and other chemicals to  
5 produce vapor that one breathes in to get the sensation of smoking. Tax  
6 per milliliter is an added price to every milliliter of vape liquid sold.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will enforce the bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** It will come into effect January 31, 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.*





## 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 Bill to Fund Infrastructure to Conserve Natural Gases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Fracking industry wastes \$1 billion a year in gas flaring,  
3 equivalent to 1.028 trillion BTU. These natural gases are important for the  
4 United States economy as an alternative fuel, and the conservation of natural  
5 resources.

6 **SECTION 2.** Fracking shall be defined as the process of injecting liquid at high pressure into  
7 subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. to force open existing fissures and extract oil  
8 or gas. Infrastructure shall be defined as pipe, roads and wells used by the oil  
9 industry to conserve natural resources. Gas Flaring shall be defined as the  
10 practice of burning natural gases.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States government shall allocate \$750 million to the oil and gas  
12 industry, to better assist the conservation of finite resources.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Bureau of Land Management will oversee the implementation of this  
14 legislation.

15 **SECTION 5.** Corporations that do not comply with these demands shall be fined \$75,000 per  
16 month until they comply.

17 **SECTION 6.** This piece of legislation shall take place as of the fiscal year 2021.

18 **SECTION 7.** 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 Allow Formerly Incarcerated Felons to Vote in All Federal, State, and Local Elections**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Formerly incarcerated felons will be granted the right to vote in any  
3 election, even if they are currently on probation or parole, in order to  
4 reintroduce them to societal contribution.

5 **SECTION 2.** A formerly incarcerated felon is defined as someone who has been  
6 convicted of and served sentencing for a felony but has been released  
7 from confinement.

8 **SECTION 3.** The legislation will be enforced by the Department of Justice.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 31, 2020.

10 **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 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 Bill to Create Immigration Courts to Alleviate Backlog

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall create 150 temporary immigration courts  
3 across the country.

4 **SECTION 2.** The immigration courts shall be defined as courts responsible for hearing  
5 immigration cases.

6 A. Temporary shall be defined as the time it takes to clear up the  
7 backlog.

8 B. The courts will be built over a period of 3 years.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice in conjunction with the Department of  
10 Homeland Security with oversight from Congress shall be responsible for  
11 the implementation of this legislation.

12 A. The Department of Homeland Security be given \$500 million to  
13 build the temporary courts and reassign cases.

14 B. The Department of Justice shall interpret whether the court  
15 backlog has cleared up.

16 C. Judges will be selected by a nonpartisan committee to serve in  
17 a geographic region for a temporary period.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2020.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 6.*



## A Bill to Bar the Sale of Arms to the Philippines

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government should bar foreign military sales  
3 and direct commercial sales of arms to the Philippines.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Bar” means to end current sales and prohibit any future sales. “Foreign  
5 military sales” are sales from the U.S. government to a foreign  
6 government. “Direct commercial sales” are sales from a U.S. company to  
7 a foreign government.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will add the Philippines to the list of banned  
9 countries as per the Arms Export Control Act.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 31, 2020.

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 Bill to Implement an Opt-Out Organ Donation System to Increase the Effectiveness of American Healthcare

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The current system for procuring and distributing organs to patients in  
3 need has failed despite efforts to keep up with demand. The  
4 implementation of a presumed consent organ donation system would  
5 allow for hospitals to be more effective in treating patients.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Presumed Consent” means unless the deceased has expressed a wish in  
7 life not to be an organ donor, then consent will be assumed.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Healthcafe  
9 Systems Bureau (HSB), Division of Transplantation, an agency of the U.S.  
10 Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible.

11 A. 46 billion dollars would be set aside for rebuilding the system.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in 2024.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.*



## A Bill to Delegate Funds to Subsidize Nuclear Energy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will delegate \$250 Billion USD to subsidize nuclear  
3 energy production.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear energy will be defined as the energy released during nuclear  
5 fission or fusion, especially when used to generate electricity.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will oversee implementation of  
7 this Bill.

8 A. Subsidies will be given to private companies.

9 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect immediately after signature by  
10 the President of the United States.

11 **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 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 Protect the Individual Rights of Small Businesses

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Small businesses shall have the right to refuse service if a specific request  
3 would violate the religious or other personal beliefs of the owner,  
4 provided that the service is not needed for emergency purposes.

5 **SECTION 2.** Private businesses shall be defined as any independently owned entities  
6 not under the fiscal jurisdiction of the US Government.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Commerce will be charged with the  
8 implementation and enforcement of this bill.

9 A. The Small Business Administration will ensure that any companies  
10 protected by the rights set forth in this bill adhere to the criteria of  
11 small business standards.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in January of 2022.

13 **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 Construct a Particle Accelerator in the United States to Accumulate Antimatter for Deep Space Exploration and Power**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States should fund the building of ACE (Antimatter Creation  
3 Equipment) which will be a particle accelerator primarily working on the  
4 creation of antimatter.

5 **SECTION 2.** Antimatter shall be defined as subatomic particles, that when smashed  
6 together with matter create a great reaction of energy. A particle  
7 accelerator shall be defined as a research facility for the usage of moving  
8 subatomic particles together at extreme speeds.

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

11 A. The Department of Energy will hire scientists and other employees  
12 necessary for research.

13 B. \$20 billion will be allocated to the building of ACE.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.*

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## **A Resolution to Implement a Commission of Economic Officials to Review and Adjust the Federal Minimum Wage Annually**

1 **WHEREAS,** The minimum wage can currently only be changed via a new law passed  
2 in Congress. This keeps the United States federal minimum wage behind  
3 other countries as well as states that changed the minimum wage based  
4 on economic factors, like average wage and inflation; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The current minimum wage is behind inflation rates and keeps Americans  
6 in poverty as a result; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Millions of Americans would be alleviated from poverty with higher  
8 minimum wages without the risk of large jumps in minimum wage, such  
9 as causing employers to lay off employees or reduce hours; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Implementing a commission would establish a way to adjust the federal  
11 minimum wage in the future; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
13 recommendation for the implementation of a Commission of Economic  
14 Officials to review and adjust the federal minimum wage annually.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 4.*



## A Resolution to Ban Congressional Lobbyists

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The Federal Election Commission bans Congress members from becoming  
2                   lobbyists only within a year of the end of their final term; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Congressional representatives and senators are already on their way to  
4                   becoming lobbyists before they leave office; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Congress members, influenced by lobbying, place their political and financial  
6                   status over their constituent’s wellbeing; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   lobbyists influence the outcome of legislation, even if it would pass as a non-  
8                   partisan issue; now, therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled ban Congress members from becoming  
10                  lobbyists to reduce the revolving- door phenomenon; and, be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That yearly congressional oversight will help to ensure that shadow  
12                  lobbying does not occur.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.*

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