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A Bill to Remove Religious Organizations' Tax Exemptions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Tax exemptions for religious organizations are hereby removed. This
3 removal will not apply to federal recognized Native American tribes.

4 **SECTION 2.** Recognized tribes may continue to operate within current tax exemption
5 rules within their jurisdictional boundaries.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for auditing religious
7 institutions and thereby allow taxation of non-charitable religious
8 institutions.

9 A. Religious organizations that desire tax-exempt status shall retain the
10 right to do so through 501(c)(3) status.

11 B. Religious organizations without 501(c)(3) status will be treated like
12 any other for-profit organization.

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 Resolution to Phase Out Asphalt and Establish Sustainable Alternatives to Combat Urban Heat Islands

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The widespread use of asphalt in urban areas is contributing to the formation of heat
2 islands, exacerbating rising temperatures, and negatively impacting the quality of life for
3 city residents; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Asphalt, with its heat-absorbing properties, leads to increased temperatures in densely
5 populated areas, contributing to heat related illnesses, increased energy consumption
6 for cooling, and environmental degradation; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The detrimental effects of asphalt on urban environments necessitate the development
8 of sustainable alternatives that mitigate the urban heat island effect, reduce energy
9 consumption, and enhance overall livability; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled calls upon the Environmental Protection Agency,
11 in consultation with experts and in collaboration with relevant federal, state, and local
12 agencies, shall develop a plan to phase out asphalt in urban infrastructure and promote
13 sustainable alternatives, considering cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits; and,
14 be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That annual progress reports and updates on the phase-out of asphalt and the
16 adoption of sustainable alternatives shall be provided to Congress by the Environmental
17 Protection Agency, allowing for ongoing oversight and evaluation of the initiative's
18 effectiveness.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 13.***

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A Resolution to Take Federal Control of the Border for the Safety of Immigrants

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently at the border, states such as Texas have been using inhumane
2 prevention tactics, specifically in the Rio Grande waters; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Seeing as over 1,500 migrants pass through only the Rio Grande waters
4 alone in a day; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Immigration is on the rise specifically along the Mexican border due to a
6 falling Mexican economy and increased violence being perpetuated by
7 the Mexican government; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** States have taken border “safety” into their own hands with Texas
9 placing dangerous floating devices and barbed wire across the river
10 putting immigrants in even more significant danger; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The federal government has the right to secure its borders how it deems
12 fit and state governments have no authority to do so; now, therefore be
13 it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here recommend that the United States federal
15 governments take control of the border from individual states for the
16 safety of immigrants, and supervise any state government action; and, be
17 it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this congress will expand border safety funding, to provide a
19 safe border.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 15**.*



A Bill to Ban the Use of Private Military Contractors by the United States Federal Government

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The usage and/or enlistment of private military companies by the United
3 States federal government for any purpose will be prohibited.

4 **SECTION 2.** For all intents and purposes, private military contractors will be defined
5 as a private military and/or military and security company offering armed
6 combat or security services in exchange for goods or payment.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will oversee the complete
8 removal of private military from any federal endeavor, mission, or base,
9 including deployment within the U.S. or internationally.

10 A. Individuals who have been managed by, affiliated with, or hired by
11 Private Military companies may no longer work for the United States
12 military, Department of Defense, or otherwise executive government.

13 **SECTION 4.** All private military contractors currently operating under the United
14 States federal military will have until January 1, 2025, to complete
15 current endeavors, terminate contracts, and remove troops and
16 equipment from active areas.

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

Introduced for *UIL Congressional Debate* by **ESC 20**.

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A Resolution to Remove States' Banned Books Lists in Public Education

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Banned book lists restrict students' liberty and the extent of their public
2 education opportunities; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Book bans impede on free expression rights and are consequently not
4 conducive of an open, inclusive, and democratic learning atmosphere for
5 American youth; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** While the purpose of banning books is to protect children from explicit
7 material, state legislatures are increasingly influenced by outside groups
8 to stigmatize "undesirable" authors and subject matter; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Banned book lists pose a dangerous precedent for the future of public
10 education as it restricts students' education regarding civil rights
11 movements for historically marginalized people; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation to remove states' ability to create banned book lists
14 and give school librarians the authority and discretion to allocate their
15 school's budget.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 12**.*



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 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.

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A Bill to Develop Desalination Plants in the Southwest United States to Combat Water Insecurity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reduce financial barriers to the research and development of
3 new Desalination facilities and technologies, localizing efforts to the Southwest U.S.

4 **SECTION 2.** Southwest United States shall include the Southwestern States of California and Texas
5 considering their proximity to the sea and their lack of freshwater security.

6 Desalination facilities that use chemical and physical processes to reduce/recover salt
7 concentration from water supplies.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Department of Urban Development will
9 collaborate in the enforcement of Desalination efforts alongside state governments.

10 A. The U.S. federal government will provide a \$20 billion categorical grant to the
11 state governments of Texas and California per year for 5 years.

12 B. The U.S. Executive Department will create production and management
13 guidelines that state governments must follow in order to continue receiving
14 funding. If the state governments fail to meet quotas of growth set by the U.S.
15 Executive Departments, they will stop receiving funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall be implemented at the beginning of the next year fiscal year after the bill is
17 passed, and the bill will expire after the 5th fiscal year.

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

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A Bill to Decrease the Standard Work Week Requirements to 32 Hours a Week

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Amend the Fair Standards of Labor Act to define a full-time employee as
3 one who works at least 32 hours per week and lower the minimum hours
4 a week needed for overtime to 32 hours for non-exempt employees.

5 **SECTION 2.** Work week shall be defined as a nationally held standard for and
6 expectation thereof; full-time employment.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation and
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 A. Any employer found in violation of this bill will be liable to a civil
10 penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per employee per week they are in
11 violation of this bill.

12 B. Violators may lose eligibility for public sector grants and funding
13 avenues.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect starting at the beginning of fiscal year
15 2024.

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

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



A Resolution to Recommend a Joint U.S./Canadian/U.N. Presence in Haiti to Facilitate the Reestablishment of a Legitimate Government

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The nation of Haiti has been in a power vacuum since the assassination of
2 its president in 2021 resulting in unprecedented chaos; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The terms of Haiti's last 10 remaining senators officially expired in
4 January 2023, leaving the Caribbean country without a single elected
5 government official; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The nation is now controlled by the G9 gang coalition with Haiti
7 devastated by a set of intersecting catastrophes: famine, cholera,
8 rampant drug trading through the international community, devastating
9 gang violence, fuel shortages, and economic collapse; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The joint mission to bring order and peace in Haiti would include
11 diplomatic, military, economic, and humanitarian restoration efforts;
12 now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation for a multi-lateral mission among the U.S., Canada, and
15 the U.N. and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this endeavor is not restricted by a deadline for resolution
17 nor intended to be a permanent involvement.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by State Clerk.



The Pakistani Aid Revocation to Target the Haqqani Network (P.A.R.T.H. N.) ACT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall suspend all existing aid programs currently
3 earmarked or allocated to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

4 B. Aid will be redirected to the Department of Defense (DOD) and USAID
5 for the purposes of pursuing Anti-Terrorism and providing humanitarian
6 assistance respectively to those affected by terror in Pakistan.

7 **SECTION 2.** "Aid" shall be defined as any money being sent to Pakistan by the United
8 States government. It shall exclude private sector trade.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State (DOS) in conjunction with the Department
10 of Defense (DOD) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

11 A. 50% of aid revoked will be redirected to the DOD for the purposes of
12 increasing anti-terrorism initiatives and campaigns in Pakistan to quell
13 terrorist insurgency.

14 B. The remaining 50% of aid will be redirected to the United States
15 Agency for International Development (USAID) for the purposes of
16 providing humanitarian assistance for those afflicted by terrorism in
17 Pakistan and surrounding regions.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 4.***

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A Bill to Stop Insider Trading

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall prohibit high-level federal government officials, along
3 with their immediate family members, from buying or selling securities and cryptocurrency while
4 in office.

5 **SECTION 2.** High-level federal governments officials- Individuals holding elected office, such as Members of
6 Congress, the President, and Vice President, and members of government organizations that need
7 to be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate or earn an annual government
8 salary higher than \$100,000. Immediate family- a person's parents, brothers and sisters, husband,
9 or wife, fiancée, and children. Securities- tradable financial assets that are purchased for
10 investment, such as stocks and bonds. Cryptocurrency- digital currency that is encrypted and is a
11 decentralized medium of exchange, such as Bitcoin, Ethereum and Binance.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission shall enforce this
13 legislation.

14 A. Violation of this law shall result in the owner losing the security or cryptocurrency traded and
15 incur a fine of no less than \$10,000.

16 B. Violating this law two or more times shall be considered a high misdemeanor.

17 C. Elected officials, and their immediate family, shall regain full control of their securities one
18 day after the Congress, or Congressional Session, they are no longer a member of, begins, or
19 two weeks after one's resignation.

20 D. High-level members of government organizations, and their immediate family, shall regain
21 full control of their investments two weeks after their last day in office.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented December 1st, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.

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A Bill to Mandate a Nationwide Carbon Tax to Reduce Emissions and Encourage the Switch the Renewable Energy in the U.S.

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Congress should hereby mandate a nationwide carbon tax on fossil fuels used for energy sources in order to cut U.S emissions and accelerate the switch to renewable energies.

SECTION 2. Fossil fuels are defined as coal, oil products, and natural gas. “Carbon” in carbon tax comprises all greenhouse gas emissions but will be referred to as carbon for abbreviation purposes.

SECTION 3. \$65 per ton will be charged on emissions from fossil fuels and will increase over time with respect to the growing severity of the climate crisis. The fee will be collected on the upstream process of fossil fuel production, and the price of fossil fuel products will reflect the effect of the tax. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), IRS (Internal Revenue System), and US Department of Energy will oversee and implement this bill.

A. The EPA is tasked with inspections of the state and severity of climate change in order to determine the increase of the carbon tax.

B. The IRS is responsible for enforcing and collecting the tax revenue generated.

C. The U.S. Department of Energy is responsible for distributing tax revenue collected as renewable energy subsidies for lower income families.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2024.

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 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 ESC 10.



A Bill to Establish Age Restrictions for all Federal Government Positions to Ensure a More Diverse and Representative Government

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals will not be allowed to run for any government positions after
3 they reach the age of sixty-five years old. The age limit restricts anyone
4 above sixty-five to run or attempt to run for office.

5 **SECTION 2.** Government position shall be defined as a role or job within a
6 government organization, encompassing elected and appointed officials
7 responsible for governance and administration.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice. Individuals will
9 automatically not be allowed to run for office and will be discarded from
10 the system if not in accordance.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented in January 2028.

12 **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 Raise the Wage to Federal Minimum Match the Current Standard of Living

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage will be raised by 42% to accommodate for the increase
3 in inflation since 2009. This will set the new minimum wage for workers at \$10.30
4 and a tipped employee at \$3.02. This bill will be known as the Fair Labor Standards
5 Act (FLSA) of 2024.

6 **SECTION 2.** A Tipped Employee is an employee who receives tips as a part of their service. A
7 tipped employee must make a combination of \$10.30 an hour with their wages and
8 tips; otherwise, the employer must make up the difference. Student Learners are
9 employees at least 16 years old enrolled in vocational education. Workers with
10 Disabilities are employees that have physical or mental disability that impairs their
11 productive earning capacity. Full-time student workers are employees who are
12 taking at least twelve hours of credit.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division administers and enforces the
14 federal minimum wage law.
15 A. Minimum wage exceptions established by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 2009
16 will be maintained. Those exceptions may include but are not limited to full-
17 time students, workers with disabilities or student learners.
18 B. Current exceptions for workers under the age 20 in their first days will be
19 Eliminated.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted at the beginning of the third quarter of 2024.

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

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

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A Bill to Make Women's Healthcare More Equitable

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Amend SEC. 2713, Subsection 4 of the Affordable Care Act by inserting
3 the phrase "to include infertility treatments as prescribed or
4 recommended by a licensed physician" after the words "for purposes of
5 the paragraph".

6 **SECTION 2.** Fertility treatment is a treatment women go through to induce ovulation
7 to assist in establishing a viable pregnancy.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration will administer this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect July 1, 2024.

10 **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 Refocus Public School Responses to Drug Abuse on Rehabilitation Instead of Punishment



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 **State Clerk.***



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 dumping
12 or burning of trash. Fines shall also be established for inappropriate disposal
13 of dangerous substances, chemicals, batteries, and **e-waste**.

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