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A Bill to Implement Desalination Plants in the U.S.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government shall hereby invest in desalination plants in
3 coastal cities

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Desalination plants shall be defined as industrial facilities that use
5 chemical or physical processes to reduce or recover salt concentrations
6 from water supplies

7 B. Coastal cities shall be defined as cities located on the interface or
8 transition areas between land and sea, including large inland lakes with
9 access to saltwater.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Interior (DOI) will be given 4 billion dollars to be
11 allotted to private and state entities for the construction of desalination
12 plants.

13 B. The Bureau of Reclamation will be tasked with investing an additional
14 10 million dollars into research and development through grants.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into place January 31, 2023.

16 **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 Restrict Internal Combustion Vehicles to Mitigate Environmental Damage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall ban the production, sale, purchase and/or
3 importation of internal-combustion private personal vehicles.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private personal vehicles will be defined as street legal vehicles produced
5 for non-commercial use by residents. Internal combustion shall be
6 defined as an engine that is directly reliant on a gas or diesel fuel to run.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department
8 of Transportation Administrations, shall oversee the implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 A. Individuals found in violation of this bill, will be fined the market
11 value of the vehicle.

12 B. Vehicle distributors and producers found in violation of this bill will
13 have all violating vehicles seized by the government, as well as a fine
14 of three times the market value of the vehicle per unit sold.

15 C. All fines collected shall be used toward interstate highway and bridge
16 repair.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2032.

18 **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 Ban Prescribed Fires

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Forest Service shall no longer conduct proceedings and
3 measures related to prescribed burning and adopt alternative fire
4 suppression and mitigation mechanisms instead.

5 **SECTION 2.** Prescribed burning shall be defined as the process of executing a controlled
6 burn under favorable weather conditions to reduce the probability of a larger
7 fire occurring.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Forest Service shall be tasked with the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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 Resolution to Strengthen Efforts for Hypersonic Missile Defense and Development

- 1 **WHEREAS,** China and Russia have made substantial developments pertaining to
2 hypersonic missiles, including both currently conducting substantial
3 research on the matter; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has engaged in little efforts towards hypersonic missile
5 development and defense thus far; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Russia has incorporated hypersonic missiles into its active military arsenal
7 and has employed such missiles against Ukraine; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The United States must strive to continue its legacy of military strength
9 and powerful defense systems; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled invest additional funding in
11 hypersonic missile defense and development through the reallocation of
12 funds currently allocated towards the Department of Defense.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 11.



A Bill to Allow Felons to Apply to Regain Voting Rights

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government through the FEC shall restore
3 voting rights to non-violent felons through an application system.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The Department of Justice defines non-violent crimes “as property,
5 drug, and public order offenses which do not involve a threat of harm or
6 an actual attack upon a victim.” Voting rights shall be defined as the
7 ability to vote in local, state and federal elections.

8 B. The application system will be defined as a system through which
9 felons apply to regain their voting rights with the approval and oversight
10 of the DOJ.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice in conjunction with the Federal Election
12 Commission (FEC) will implement and oversee an application system. 1
13 billion dollars will be allocated for the creation of the system.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect no later than 6 months prior to the 2024
15 presidential elections.

16 **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 Implement a Pharmaceutical Price Control System to Prevent Price Gouging within the Industry

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A case-by-case pharmaceutical price control system shall be
3 implemented to protect consumers from pharmaceutical price gouging.

4 **SECTION 2.** Case-by-case shall be defined as "decisions that are made separately,
5 each according to the facts of the particular situation." Price gouging shall
6 be defined as "the act of intentionally increasing prices past a reasonable
7 seller profit."

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration shall analyze expenses made in
9 discovery, testing, and production accumulated in the production of
10 pharmaceuticals and, alongside the producer of said pharmaceuticals,
11 establish a fair price for the pharmaceutical based on individual units.

12 A. Such analysis will take place every quarter beginning in the final
13 testing phase of new pharmaceuticals and ending the quarter after
14 generic versions are legally produced and sold.

15 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will take effect January 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 18.



A Bill to Prevent Insurance Companies from Declining Doctor Prescribed Medical Care

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Insurance companies will be required to cover any medical care
3 prescribed by a health care provider and will no longer be allowed to
4 decline coverage.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medical care will be anything prescribed or ordered by a health care
6 provider. This will include medical tests, medication, treatments, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be responsible
8 for enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

9 A. The HHS will determine who qualifies as a health professional but will
10 include anyone who is currently allowed to prescribe and order
11 medical care, procedures, and medication.

12 B. The HHS will determine what medical procedures will be included but
13 will ensure that all medically necessary care will be covered.

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

15 **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 Decrease Foreign Land Ownership in America to Protect the National Interests of National Security and Resource Security

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



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enable Citizens from the U.S. Territories to Vote in Federal Elections

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: United States citizens living in the Territories of the United States shall be granted the right to vote in all federal elections.

SECTION 2: For the purpose of federal elections, all of those areas designated as Territories of the United States will function as a single entity. Federal elections shall be held according to rules set by Congress.

SECTION 3: Together, the Territories will be entitled to select two Senators and the number of Representatives which would be awarded to the Territories if it were a State. The designated Senators and Representative(s) will possess full voting rights in Congress.

SECTION 4: The Territories of the United States shall further appoint electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State. Electors shall perform such duties as provided by the Twelfth Amendment.

SECTION 2: The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



A Resolution to Reform the Foster Care System to Eliminate Abuse and Exploitation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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the students of our school and has permission to be presented.*



A Resolution to Recognize the State of Palestine

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 1.



A Bill to Guarantee the Defense of Taiwan

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States should establish diplomatic protocols with the
3 Republic of China (ROC), to ensure its sovereignty and national security,
4 repel aggression from the People's Republic of China (PRC), in order to
5 secure vital supplies of semiconductors.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Republic of China (ROC) will be referred to as "Taiwan". The People's
7 Republic of China (PRC) will be referred to as "China". "Sovereignty" shall
8 be defined as the power and authority of a nation to govern its own
9 affairs.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Defense will act to
11 implement the bill.

12 A. Diplomatic efforts required for the execution of the bill will be the
13 purview of the Department of State under the direction of the
14 Secretary of State

15 B. The Department of Defense will oversee the military and logistical
16 elements of military force application within the territorial waters and
17 airspace of Taiwan

18 **SECTION 4.** Preparations for force deployment will begin immediately, commencing
19 60 days following the passage of the bill.

20 **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 Boost Teacher Pay Through Tax Credits and Deductions to Reduce the Teacher Shortage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 will be revised to provide a refundable
3 tax credit and increased deduction for expenses for public and charter
4 elementary and secondary school teachers.

5 **SECTION 2.** Teacher refers to those with at least a bachelor's degree employed full time
6 in a public or charter school that is a teacher of record who provides direct
7 classroom instruction. Public and charter school refers to schools that are
8 publicly funded and free to attend for students in pre-kindergarten through
9 twelfth grade.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will implement the following tax incentives

11 A. The current deduction for expenses of \$250 will be increased to \$1,000.

12 B. A tax credit equal to the sum of

13 a. \$5,000, plus.

14 b. \$5,000 for having a master's degree in education or their subject
15 area, plus.

16 c. \$10,000 for teaching in a Title 1 school.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implanted for the 2024 tax year.

18 **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 Protect National Security by Mandating Fifty Percent of All Critical Industry is Produced Domestically

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Covid-19 proved that our national security is at risk when other countries
2 choose to cut off access to necessary goods for any reason; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** American industry and livelihood is at risk when too much of it is
4 produced in foreign countries; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Intellectual property theft loses the American economy billions of dollars
6 a year; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Americans are at risk of potential nefarious actions when huge portions
8 of our critical industries are manufactured overseas; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation for mandating fifty percent of all critical industry be
11 manufactured in the United States; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That American industry has ten years to move their manufacturing
13 base back to the United States to be within the fifty percent compliance
14 threshold.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 12.

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A Resolution to Propose an International Treaty Banning Lethal Autonomous Weapons



A Bill to Reduce the Corporate Tax to Promote Corporate Motivation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The nominal federal corporate tax rate shall be reduced to 7% for all
3 resident corporations.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nominal – An unadjusted rate

5 Federal Corporate Tax – A tax imposed by the United States Federal
6 Government on all resident corporations

7 Resident – Corporations operating, producing, and/or selling products
8 and services within the United States and its territories.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect two years after its passing through Congress.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.

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A Bill to Reduce Agricultural Runoff to Sustain Biodiversity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government should require that 50% of current agricultural
3 subsidies be distributed using a reverse auction approach based on
4 reduction of point and non-point source pollution from agricultural
5 operations.

6 **SECTION 2.** Reverse auction refers to the process in which agency officials would
7 solicit bids from based on who can reduce more pounds of nitrogen,
8 phosphorus, or sediment loadings at the lowest costs, accounting for
9 project risk.

10 **SECTION 3.** The plan will be overseen by the United States Department of Agriculture
11 (USDA).

12 A. The USDA Farm Service Agency will be responsible for reviewing bids
13 and allocating subsidies.

14 B. The Environmental Protection Agency will be consulted, and the
15 Clean Water Act referenced as necessary to determine acceptable
16 clean water standards.

17 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.

18 **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 Mandate that All Forms of the Death Penalty Shall be Prohibited

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The death penalty, whether imposed by the government of the United
3 States, or any political subdivision thereof, will be prohibited upon the
4 effective date of the passage of this bill.

5 **SECTION 2.** The death penalty will be defined as the taking of a criminal's life as a
6 punishment.

7 **SECTION 3.** Changes in federal, military, and state laws will include:

8 A. Repeal Sections 3591-3599 of Title 18 of the United States Code,
9 which allows for the use of capital punishment.

10 B. Repeal authorization in the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the
11 use of the death penalty.

12 C. Commute the sentences of all inmates currently serving death
13 sentences to life without the possibility of parole.

14 D. Transfer all federal funding currently used to help impose the death
15 penalty to help fund the cost of lifetime incarceration for current
16 federal death row inmates.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the day of passage.

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



A Bill to Mandate a Mental Health Assessment Prior to Purchasing an AR-15

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will require an individual to pass a mental health assessment in order to purchase an AR-15 to decrease AR-15 related violence.

SECTION 2. An AR-15 shall be defined as any lightweight semi-automatic rifle based on the Colt AR-15 design. A mental health assessment shall be defined as an evaluation given by a psychiatrist certified through the state's licensing board.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. ATF will create a federal board of psychiatrists to create a set of guidelines for the mental health assessments. These guidelines must include a minimum time of 1 hour and extensive verbal and written questions to determine not only mental illness such as schizophrenia or psychotic disorders but also transient stress-related emotional turmoil.

B. States are required to report the identities of individuals when they become ineligible to possess an AR-15 to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

C. If a company or individual sells an AR-15 to a person who lacks or has failed a mental health assessment, then their license to sell firearms shall be revoked.

D. Mental health assessments must be completed no more than 90 days prior to purchasing an AR-15.

SECTION 4. The legislation will go into effect on October 1st, 2023.

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



A Bill to Provide Access to Paid Paternity Leave to Benefit New Parents

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Amend title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for parental leave
3 payments to parents after the birth or adoption of a child for parents

4 **SECTION 2.** The term 'parental leave period' means the 8-week period beginning on
5 the date of birth or adoption, as applicable, of an eligible child.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Social Security Administration.

7 A. To be paid, workers must have at least \$2,000 in earnings in the two
8 years prior to starting their benefits, as well as some kind of earnings
9 in the period immediately preceding the leave.

10 B. Workers who already receive benefits from their employers are not
11 eligible to receive the Social Security payments.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect upon passage.

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