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A Resolution to Give Standardized Economic Freedom to Student Athletes

- 1 **WHEREAS,** A mixture of new state laws and National Collegiate Athletic Association
2 (NCAA) rules provides athletes with varying opportunities to profit
3 through monetizing their social media accounts, teaching camps or
4 lessons, signing autographs and various other entities by selling their
5 name, image, and likeness (NIL) rights; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Questions still remain about the short and long-term implications of this
7 major shift in amateurism rules as each individual school is instructed to
8 set their own policies for what should be allowed with minimal
9 guidelines; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** This compensation doled out by varying degrees could lead to a confusing
11 system of inconsistent state laws that could be problematic for schools
12 and athletes to navigate; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The new NIL rules may be introducing some very deep inequities into the
14 system and do not effectively level the playing field for student athletes
15 across the country; now, therefore be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
17 recommendation to establish one federal NIL standard that safeguards
18 the rights of students nationwide to partake in a true and fair competitive
19 system by creating a completely unrestricted market for college athlete
20 endorsement deals while also protecting the integrity of college sports.

Introduced for UIL Congressional debate by Rochelle High School.



A Resolution to Remove Illegal Immigrants to Ensure National Security and Public Safety

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Our disorganized and chaotic immigration system encourages people to
2 go around the law and is a clear invitation to those who wish to take
3 advantage of our openness to harm the nation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Failure to enforce our immigration laws is unfair to those who obey the
5 law and follow the rules to enter the country legally; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Loopholes that prevent enforcement of our laws and have overwhelmed
7 immigration courts, have allowed illegitimate asylum claimants and other
8 lawbreakers to remain in the U.S. indefinitely; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** National security, public safety and overall American welfare continue to
10 be in jeopardy; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation to implement a system that will effectively track down
13 those who overstay their visas as a first step in stopping illegal
14 immigration; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this UIL Congress update the registry system to combat the
16 illegal immigrants and refocus our energies on those who deserve to be
17 removed from the U.S.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rochelle High School.



A Resolution to Reinstitute the United States Postal Savings System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current United States Postal System is losing 5.5 billion dollars
2 annually; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The lower income bracket of Americans are still suffering financially from
4 the Covid-19 crisis and 30% of Americans do not have the capital to
5 utilize a proper bank; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** There is a clear need for further government aide that will work to help
7 support Americans in a manner that supports economic development;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** There have been successful attempts in the past to cultivate financial
10 growth in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation for the reinstatement of the United States Postal Savings
13 System; and be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the law will incorporate this system into the Federal Reserve
15 system for oversight.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Nueces Canyon High School.



A Bill to Decriminalize Heroin

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Heroin in its purest form shall be decriminalized. Drug smuggling and
3 drug related deaths are at an all-time high; moreover, heroin is markedly
4 more dangerous in its impure forms. Decriminalizing heroin in its purest
5 form may have the effect of ending illegal smuggling while making
6 consumption safer.

7 **SECTION 2.** Purest -- Without any extra additives that may impede with the drug's
8 natural effect.

9 Decriminalize – To stop treating something as a criminal offense.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency will oversee the enforcement of this act.

11 A. The Drug Enforcement Agency will work with scientists and medical
12 doctors to determine the amount of heroin that an average person
13 can have that will not affect their health greatly.

14 B. Heroin in its purest form will be for public consumption. Therefore,
15 states may open dispensaries for heroin if they so choose.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one year from its date of passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Eden High School.



A Bill to Mandate the Inclusion of the Covid-19 Vaccine in the Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government mandates the inclusion of the COVID-19 Vaccine
3 in the Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule details the Centers for
5 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for
6 immunization against transmittable diseases such as chickenpox,
7 hepatitis-b, measles, meningitis, mumps, diphtheria, polio, rubella,
8 tetanus, and whooping cough.

9 A. Public school systems utilize the Child and Adolescent Immunization
10 Schedule to set standards which determine enrollment eligibility.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention (CDC) in accordance with federal implementation
13 requirements.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1 of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Irion County High School.



A Bill to Establish Safe and Healthy School Hours for all Public Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government mandates that all public schools operate under
3 safe and healthy school hours.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Center for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) and American
5 Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) defines safe and healthy hours as start times
6 that begin after 8:30am.

7 A. Individual school district start times will remain under state and local
8 discretion provided they are in compliance with the safe and healthy
9 school hours standard.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 C. Compliance will be monitored through the inclusion of safe and
13 healthy school hours on existing federal reporting mechanisms.

14 D. Funding, including grants, will continue on the congressional budget
15 as allocated annually by the federal government.

16 **SECTION 4.** This mandate will become effective at the onset of the 2022-2023 school
17 year, upon passage of this bill.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Irion County High School.



A Bill to Provide Free Lunches to Public School Children

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Every public school district in the United States will provide free lunches
3 to all of their students.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Public schools" shall be defined as any school system that qualifies
5 under current federal stipulations.

6 B. The term "all students" will encompass the entire student body
7 enrolled in a public school system regardless of financial status.

8 C. Lunch shall be defined as one midday meal provided to
9 students between 10:30 am to 1:30 pm during the school day.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation
11 of this bill.

12 A. \$14 billion will be set aside annually for funding and may be
13 adjusted in future years to reflection inflationary cost increases
14 and to better fit the needs of the school districts.

15 B. \$14 billion assumes an average price per meal of \$3.80.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect July 1 the year of its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mason High School.



A Resolution to Designate an Amazon Rainforest Preservation Committee to Combat Deforestation

1 **WHEREAS,** In the year 2020, the Amazon rainforest lost an estimated 5 million acres
2 of land to deforestation and large fires; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Over 4,200,000 acres of said deforestation and 88% of the fires occurred
4 in Brazil; and

5 **WHEREAS,** A large portion of those fires were man-made fires created to expand
6 pasture and croplands; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Roughly 40% of Brazil's territory is covered by the Amazon, making up 1.5
8 million square miles of the forest, and the country does not draw much
9 economic gain from it; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The election of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro in January 2019 resulted
11 in the drastic loosening of environmental protection programs; and

12 **WHEREAS,** The Amazon rainforest offers many benefits to the United States and the
13 world such as carbon reduction, oxygen production, weather
14 stabilization; and

15 **WHEREAS** Rainforests accommodate for about 80% of the world's terrestrial
16 biodiversity, and therefore, critically need to be preserved; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend that an
19 Amazon Rainforest Preservation Committee, operated within the
20 Department of State, pursue efforts to pay Brazil up to \$3.5 billion annual
21 compensation to secure the preservation of the Amazon rainforest.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mason High School.

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A Resolution to Establish More National Parks

- 1 **WHEREAS,** National parks in the United States are overcrowded and are struggling to
2 cope with the effects of high visitation rates; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Attendance at national parks has increased by 27.6% from 2019 to 2020
4 and is predicted to continue rising; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** National parks have been forced to implement visitation restrictions and,
6 in some cases, temporarily shut their gates in response to Americans’
7 attendance spike; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Overcrowding in national parks stresses park budgets and facilities and
9 causes environmental harm to fragile ecological zones; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Reorganizing sites such as the Roosevelt National Forest, Cumberland
11 Gap National Historical Park, Capulin Volcano National Monument, and
12 Cedar Breaks National Monument as national parks would alleviate
13 overcrowding and environmental damage at other nearby national parks
14 while offering American citizens greater access to America’s natural
15 wonders; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend that the United States
17 Department of Interior explore the creation of more national parks in the
18 United States.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mason High School.



A Bill to Regulate the Production, Sale, and Supply of Oxygen Systems During Periods of National Crisis

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will regulate the sale and supply of
3 oxygen systems (compressed gas, portable oxygen concentrators (POCs),
4 and liquid oxygen systems (LOX)) during periods of national crisis to
5 safeguard the supply of the resource for those in need of medical
6 assistance or those in the service to medical operations. Periods of
7 national crisis include any unforeseen combination of circumstances
8 resulting in a declaration of national emergency by the President of the
9 United States with regard to the health and safety of the public.

10 **SECTION 2.** As principal advisor to the President of the United States on all health
11 matters, the Secretary of Health and Human Services will oversee and
12 ensure

13 A. The U.S. Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is ready to respond to
14 health threats. And will,

15 B. Regulate the sale of oxygen systems during periods of national crisis;
16 For instance, limiting the sale or use of oxygen in leading enterprises
17 during periods of crisis.

18 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Ozona High School.



A Bill to Implement a Negative Income Tax to Aid Low Income Households

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will, as of the passage of this bill, abolish
3 the aid system of welfare and implement a nationwide negative income
4 tax in its place, which would provide low income households a
5 percentage of the difference between their income and income cutoff.

6 **SECTION 2.** Low income households will be defined as households with income below
7 the income tax threshold.

8 A. Household will be defined as “the taxpayer(s) and any individuals
9 who are claimed as dependents on one federal income tax return.

10 B. Low income households are defined as households with income
11 that does not meet the income tax threshold.

12 C. The Income tax threshold is defined as a family with a total yearly
13 income of 25,000 dollars or less.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be the governing force responsible
15 for the enforcement of this bill.

16 A. The IRS will be charged with determining which households are
17 for the negative income tax (NIT) and which households have to
18 file income tax.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will enter into force one fiscal year after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bangs High School.



A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Bureau of Prisons and all subsidiaries therein
3 will, as of the passing of this bill, abolish the use of the death penalty in
4 all American prisons.

5 **SECTION 2.** Abolish is defined as “to formally put an end to an institution, system, or
6 practice.”

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons will serve as the agent of enforcement for
8 this bill.

9 A. This includes any subsidiaries of the Federal bureau of prisons
10 such as the National Institute of Corrections (NIT).

11 B. Any pre-existing sentences given before the passage of this bill
12 may be carried out.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will enter immediately upon its passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bangs High School.



A Resolution to Decrease the Voting Age

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The voting age currently excludes guaranteed voting for citizens sixteen
2 years of age and up; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The current age set to vote doesn't follow the logical succession of rights
4 given at the age of 16 such as the ability to live on one's own, to file
5 taxes, or to drive a motor vehicle; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Additional problems caused by the current voting age could be lower
7 voter turnout, which has shown improvement in locations that granted
8 citizens ages sixteen and up;
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Another problem to be considered is how many young teens are already
10 involved in politics, young Americans often try to make their voices
11 heard; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation to lower the current voting age to 16.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bangs High School.



A Bill to Create a National Identification Card for Use When Voting

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will give all citizens of the United States a free national identification
3 card making it easier for people to vote and use for other identification
4 purposes.

5 **SECTION 2.** All citizens of the United States would get an identification card when they turn
6 18 years of age. This will help with citizens who do not have the time or money
7 to get other forms of government identification.

8 **SECTION 3.** The National Identification Card will be implemented by the Social Security
9 Administration.

10 A. The Social Security Administration would be responsible for mailing the
11 identification to a citizen's current address when they turn 18 years of age.

12 B. The National identification card will include a photograph and other
13 identifying information and will be considered a form of valid government
14 identification.

15 **SECTION 4.** Takes into effect as on May 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brownwood High School.



A Bill to Legalize Microdosing Psychedelics for Medicinal Purposes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Due to the numerous health benefits of microdosing psychedelics, this bill will
3 medicinally legalize the usage of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), so long as it
4 does not exceed 10 micrograms, and psilocybin (more commonly known as
5 mushrooms) as long as it does not exceed 0.1 gram. It will allow LSD and
6 psilocybin to be prescribed by a doctor, and citizens will require a prescription to
7 be in possession of the substances.

8 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply to this bill:

9 A. Medicinally is defined as used for medical purposes, prescribed by a licensed
10 physician.

11 B. Microdosing is the practice of consuming very low, sub-hallucinogenic doses
12 of a psychedelic substance, such as lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) or
13 psilocybin-containing mushrooms.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency and the Food and Drug Administration shall
15 oversee the implementation of this legislation. The Department of Justice shall
16 ensure compliance with the states. The Department of Health and Human
17 Services shall establish help centers to assist those who are addicted to drugs.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on May 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brownwood High School.

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A Bill to Extend Child Performer Labor Laws to YouTube Platforms

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

2 **SECTION 1.** With skyrocketing numbers of YouTube channels starring children, the legal
3 regulations dictated in the Coogan Law shall be applied to YouTube channels in
4 order to ensure that the physical, mental, and economic well-being of children
5 are federally protected.

6 **SECTION 2.** Children’s YouTube Channels shall be defined as any YouTube channel, including
7 YouTube’s various branches, eligible to earn revenue with a minor as the star but
8 a parent in charge, usually as a manager. Similar to the Coogan Law, this bill
9 would prevent the exploitation of child performers through a YouTube platform.
10 A permit must be assigned, and at least 15% of all minors’ earnings must be set
11 aside in a blocked trust fund account in which they would have access to when
12 they turn 18. After the minor becomes of age, no other party may have access to
13 these accounts.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will implement this bill and establish
15 regulations on par with those previously established for child labor in other areas
16 of work, specifically the entertainment industry.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted no later than May 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brownwood High School.

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A Bill to Provide Aid and Shelter to Afghani Refugees

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall provide finances for aid and
3 shelter of \$300,000,000 to the Bureau of Population, Refugees and
4 Migration (BPRM). This will be done in order to protect human rights
5 interests, as well as to ensure that refugees fleeing the Taliban-controlled
6 region of Afghanistan are granted asylum.

7 **SECTION 2.** Aid is to be defined as food supplies, medical equipment, and transport
8 where necessary as determined by the BPRM. Shelter is to be defined
9 as housing fit for a population of 200,000 refugees.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Bureau of Population, Refugees,
11 and Migration (within the U.S. Department of State) and the Department
12 of Treasury.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lake View High School.



A Bill to Implement Rank Choice Voting in Federal Elections to Better Represent the People of the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will move from the first-past-the-post system to a rank
3 choice voting system.

4 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting: A system where voters rank 3 candidates from
5 favorite to least favorite. After counting the votes, voters that voted for
6 the least popular candidate will have their second choice counted
7 instead.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee will implement this legislation.

9 A. \$10 million shall be appropriated to the software development,
10 construction, and distribution of voting machines that can count
11 ranked-choice ballots.

12 B. States will be provided with funding based on population for the
13 installation of voting machines, educating voters on how to fill out
14 the ranked-choice ballots, and how to operate the new voting
15 machines.

16 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect during the 2024 election.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central.



A Resolution to Reduce the Power of Monopolistic Education Companies to Maximize Education Equity

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Companies such as Collegeboard, Pearson, and McGraw Hill have no
2 competition when it comes to providing education of education material,
3 allowing price gouging; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** In 2020, Collegeboard generated 1.2 billion dollars, proving that only
5 profit matters to these companies rather than the education; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Students are under increasing mental and financial pressure because of
7 our education system; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Test and textbook prices are reaching record high levels; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Price constraints prevent lower class students from attaining the same
10 level of education as more wealthy students; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Increasing market competition and price regulations will increase
12 accessibility; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** All students deserve affordable education; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that monopolistic education
15 companies will be regulated.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central.



A Bill to Protect Workers Rights to Unionize

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Despite illegality, large corporations like Amazon have found ways
3 around laws protecting worker's rights to unionize through scare tactics
4 and threats. In order to protect the rights of our workers, we need to
5 restrict and monitor the influence and input companies have over the
6 workers' organization efforts.

7 **SECTION 2.** Threats will be defined as a company insinuating that there will be
8 penalties as a result of workers attempting to unionize, including the
9 potential removal of insurance or other benefits.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission.

11 A. Through protecting their anonymity and regulating companies'
12 surveillance of workers as well as the removal of a company's ability
13 to directly oppose these organizations and threaten employees.

14 B. Any company found guilty of breaching these terms and taking action
15 against worker unions will be penalized through a direct tax on
16 company output, increasing for every infraction found.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect three months after it's passed.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Central High School.