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A Bill to Prohibit Government Involvement in Social Media

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The government will hereby be prohibited from censoring or
3 manipulating any social media companies.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

5 A. Social media companies shall be defined as any company which
6 primarily operates a website or application where users are able to
7 share and generate content and find and connect with other users of
8 common interests.

9 B. Censoring shall be defined as official examination and suppression of
10 parts deemed unacceptable by the government.

11 C. Manipulation shall be defined as control or influence of content.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement
13 of this bill.

14 A. There will be no additional funding as the Department of Justice
15 already has misconduct investigation systems in place.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January first of the next calendar year.

17 **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 Red, White, and Blue Standards for Farming Certification

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will establish the Red, White, and
3 Blue Standards for Farming Certification Program in order to protect
4 small farms and ranches through the elevation of product standards. The
5 program would allow farms and ranches to voluntarily submit to
6 examination by the Department of Agriculture for the benefit of earning
7 a certification signifying that they meet a high standard for safety and
8 quality.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. The Red, White, and Blue Standards for Farming Certification Program
10 is defined as a program which provides protection for agricultural
11 production businesses by raising the standards, making products safer;
12 allowing farmers and ranchers to receive a premium for their product;
13 boosting the reputation of small operators; and elevating the public
14 opinion of agriculture.

15 B. Agricultural production businesses are defined as businesses active in
16 the farming, management, production, and marketing of agricultural
17 commodities, such as livestock and crops.

18 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture will oversee enforcement of the bill.

19 A. Enforcement of the bill will be carried out through the Center for
20 Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in conjunction with Food Safety
21 and Inspection Service.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect as of January 1, 2026.

23 **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 Make Gun Detection Systems Mandatory in Public School Entryways

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Metal detectors for gun detection will be installed and implemented in all
3 public schools in the United States of America.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

5 A. Metal detectors are defined as an electronic device that is used to
6 find hidden weapons that will give off a signal when it comes into
7 contact with metal.

8 B. Mandatory is defined as something required by law.

9 C. Entrances are defined as the primary gate or door utilized to enter a
10 building with several entrances.

11 D. Public School is defined as a publicly funded school.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
13 bill.

14 A. Funding will be provided through grants by the Office of Safe and
15 Supportive Schools Grant Program. Sufficient funds will be diverted
16 from the defense budget.

17 B. Implementation of the metal detector mandate will be the National
18 School Safety Center.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into full effect on February 24, 2025.

20 **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 Bill to Eliminate the Exploitation of Minors on Social Media

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress has determined that children have become a tool for guardians
3 in order to gain fame and profit. This bill will enact the prohibition of
4 parents filming any minor to then be used in an unethical manner.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

6 A. Parents and guardians will be defined as an adult in a child's life that
7 has any form of responsibility towards the child.

8 B. The filming of minors will be defined as any photographs, video, or
9 personal information which exploits the child's privacy.

10 C. An unethical manner will be defined as guardians using content of
11 their children in order to make a profit, gain fame, or bring sexual
12 attention to their children.

13 D. Social media will be defined as any social network used to create,
14 communicate, and share content to be viewed by others.

15 **SECTION 3.** The United States Federal Communications Commission will oversee the
16 enforcement of this bill.

17 A. Alter 47 U.S.C. § 230 (Section 230) to protect the exploitation of
18 minors on social media.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bangs High School.

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A Bill to Implement a Tax on Heavy Vehicles to Save American Lives

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A \$300 annual excise tax will be assessed for any heavy motor vehicle operated
3 on public highways. Funds collected from this tax will be directed toward road
4 improvement and climate change mitigation projects.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

6 A. "Heavy vehicles" will be defined as vehicles between 5,000 and 55,000
7 pounds. (Vehicles above 55,000 pounds in weight are already subject to the
8 "Heavy Vehicle Use Tax" and will remain regulated under that law.)

9 B. "Annually" is defined as once per year. The initial payment due date is the
10 last day of the month following the month the vehicle was first used on
11 public highways.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the implementation of an e-filing
13 system, modeled after the system already in use for vehicles over 55,000
14 pounds. The IRS, further, will oversee the collection of this annual tax.

15 A. The Department of Transportation will maintain a list of vehicle models
16 which are subject to this tax and will direct the use of collected funds
17 toward qualified projects.

18 B. A failure to pay this annual tax on time will result in a \$500 penalty.

19 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

20 **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 Amend the Constitution to Clarify the President's Pardon Power

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

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
6 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
7 Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** Article II, Section 2, Clause 1 of the Constitution asserts that a
10 President "shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences
11 against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment." Henceforth,
12 further exceptions shall apply to this pardon power.

13 **SECTION 2:** A. A President shall not self-pardon.
14 B. A President may not offer a pardon that aids in the commission of a
15 crime, including the obstruction of an investigation.
16 C. A President may not offer a pardon that benefits his or herself, either
17 financially or legally.
18 D. A President may not pardon immediate family members--including the
19 President's parents, siblings, spouse, and children.

20 The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mason High School.



A Bill to Require Artificial Intelligence to Acquire Licensing to Train on Copyrighted Material

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall require that all generative
3 artificial intelligence acquire a license to train on copyrighted material to
4 maintain the livelihood of millions of workers and sustain entire
5 industries.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

7 A. Generative artificial intelligence should be defined as an artificial
8 intelligence learning-model that generates any form of content,
9 including but not limited to images, text and music.

10 B. Licensing should be defined as permission to use a work from its
11 original copyright owner.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Copyright Office will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

13 A. Following traditional U.S. Copyright Office procedures, violators will be
14 liable for statutory damages up to \$30,000 for each work infringed
15 and, if willful infringement is proven by the copyright owner, that
16 amount may be increased up to \$150,000 for each work infringed.

17 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will begin immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brady High School.



A Bill to Withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to Redirect Fiscal Resources

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby withdraw from NATO; all financial
3 commitments made to NATO on an annual basis will cease; and all of
4 these funds shall be redistributed among various budgets to strengthen
5 prosperity and public safety in the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

- 7 A. "Withdrawal" shall be defined as the cessation of all financial
8 commitments to NATO as outlined in the North Atlantic Treaty.
9 B. "Fiscal" shall be defined as the financial commitments that the U.S.
10 makes to NATO annually.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of
12 Defense, will oversee the withdrawal process.

- 13 A. The Department of Defense will commence the orderly return of all
14 U.S. military personnel and assets from NATO-related operations
15 within 120 days of this bill's enactment.
16 B. All troops stationed at bases operated by NATO allied countries, not
17 involved in active conflict, shall return to the United States.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brady High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enact 18-Year Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices

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

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
6 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
7 Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** Supreme Court justices shall be limited to an 18-year term limit once
10 appointed to the bench instead of a lifetime tenure. This shall be a one-
11 time term that cannot be lengthened once appointed. This shall be
12 enacted with future Supreme Court justices as well as current. Starting
13 one year after this amendment is passed, the longest sitting justice shall
14 exit the bench. Every two years after that, the longest sitting justice shall
15 exit the bench. In the event that a justice retires early, the president shall
16 appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term. The replacement
17 justice's term shall still expire 18 years from the appointment of the
18 original justice.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Wall High School.



A Bill to Provide Housing to Former Foster Children to Provide Stability

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services will provide housing to
3 homeless former foster children for up to five years after they have aged
4 out of the system.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Former foster children” is here defined as foster children who have aged
6 out of the system in the last five years.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce this bill.

8 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will provide and
9 secure housing.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will come into effect October 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Wall High School.



A Resolution to Mandate all States to Adopt a Revised Version of Caylee’s Law

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The death of 2 year-old Caylee Anthony and the subsequent trial the
2 State of Florida v. Casey Marie Anthony have focused attention on the
3 problem of childhood neglect; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Since 2012, only 6 states have enacted a version of Caylee’s Law in which
5 criminalizes the failure to report a missing child or the death of a child;
6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The well-being, protection, and responsibility for a child is a parent or
8 legal guardian’s obligation; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The first 24-48 hours are crucial for a missing child’s safe recovery after
10 being kidnapped, running away, or otherwise becoming lost; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The well-being and discovery of a child is of paramount importance and
12 priority to Law Enforcement, Society, and the value of life itself; now,
13 therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the recommendation to
15 criminalize a parent or legal guardian’s failure to report a missing child
16 after the child has been missing for 12 hours. Such neglect should be
17 considered child endangerment and shall be punished accordingly based
18 on the status of the child.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Del Rio High School.



A Bill to Ban Harmful Dyes and Additives in Food Products to Protect Public Health

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby ban dyes and additives in food products to
3 mitigate the health risks associated with such ingredients.

4 **SECTION 2.** Harmful dyes and additives shall be defined as ingredients in food
5 products that are known to be linked to an increased risk of health
6 problems, including Yellow 5, Yellow 6, and Red 40.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the implementation
8 and enforcement of this bill. The FDA will designate the full list of banned
9 dyes and additives.

10 A. Domestic production containing banned dyes and additives will be
11 prohibited.

12 B. The import of products containing banned dyes and additives will be
13 prohibited.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect starting January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Del Rio High School.



A Bill to Increase Research and Development in Ethical Cloning Technology

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States has dealt with high fluctuating food prices and organ
3 shortages throughout its recent history. We call this Congress here
4 assembled to invest in “ethical cloning” by directing 15 billion dollars of
5 total funding to subsidize research in the cloning/biotechnology industry
6 over a 5-year period, with a goal of stabilizing food supply and providing
7 organs for medical transplants.

8 **SECTION 2.** Ethical cloning will be defined as artificial wombs for livestock and organ
9 duplication. The artificial wombs will be made to create healthy livestock
10 that grows to full size. The organs will be made to create a safer United
11 States.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Resources will oversee the
13 implementation of the funding to improve research in
14 cloning/biotechnology by issuing grants to private contractors to conduct
15 the research.

16 A. The funding shall be diverted from the Department of Defense.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will come into effect January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School.

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A Bill to Allow Tax Deductions and Dependency Claims for Pet Owners

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Under Publication 502 from the Internal Revenue Service, the United
3 States allows taxpayers to file for medical tax exemptions for the
4 purchase and maintenance of a service/guide dog, while multiple states
5 allow tax exemptions for work/performance animals. These provisions
6 shall be expanded so that Americans may now apply for tax write-offs
7 and dependency claims for all pets.

8 **SECTION 2.** Pets shall be defined as any tamed animal that a person owns for
9 companionship or entertainment, including but not limited to dogs, cats,
10 horses, rabbits, fish, birds, and rodents.

11 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will work in conjunction with The Humane Society Legislative
12 Fund (HSLF) to amend specific tax codes and set formal guidelines and
13 qualifications for dependency and tax claims.

14 A. 26 U.S. Code § 152 (a) will add a 3rd definition titled “qualifying pet
15 companion” for the term “dependent.”

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented starting tax year 2026.

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 Bill to Create a Minimum Wage for Incarcerated Individuals

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Incarcerated individuals in a correctional facility operated by a public
3 agency will be paid a minimum wage of two-thirds the current federal
4 minimum wage for their labor.

5 **SECTION 2.** An Incarcerated Individual shall be defined as anyone incarcerated in a
6 correctional facility operated by a public agency. The incarcerated
7 individual will be paid a minimum of two-thirds the current minimum
8 wage for each hour of labor they complete.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. The Bureau of Prisons will enforce this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will come into effect on October 1, 2025

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Wall High School.



A Bill to Ban Assault Weapons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Under the passage of this legislation, there will be a ban on the selling
3 and owning of all assault weapons in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any firearm classified as an assault weapon will be banned from the
5 general public and will only be used for military purposes. Those who
6 previously own an assault weapon will be required to turn the weapons
7 over to the United States Government. In addition, there will be no public
8 selling of assault weapons.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives will ensure the
10 banning of assault weapons to the public and oversee the enforcement of
11 this bill as well.

12 A. This is a national law that all states must follow.

13 B. Those who are off duty in the military will be held to the same
14 standards as the general public.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Del Rio High School.