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A Bill to Link Federal Taxes to Net Worth to Simplify the U.S. Tax Code

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All individual taxpayers will pay a tax equal to 2.5% of their positive net
3 worth annually. Individual taxpayers with a negative net worth will pay
4 no taxes. The current income based federal tax system for individual
5 taxpayers will be abolished.

6 **SECTION 2.** Net worth is the value of all the non-financial and financial assets owned
7 by an individual or institution minus the value of all its outstanding
8 liabilities.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of the
10 bill.

11 A. Individuals who violate will be subject to a penalty equal to 150% of
12 the initial tax.

13 B. Subsequent violations will be subjected to a 300% penalty and be
14 placed in federal prison for no less than 6 months and no more than 5
15 years.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enforced 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 Pampa High School.



A Resolution to Establish Diplomatic Relations with Afghanistan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States maintains relationships with several nations with
2 problematic human rights records; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Ceding diplomatic influence in Afghanistan to nations such as China or
4 Pakistan can have long-term negative geopolitical consequences
5 throughout central Asia; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Afghanistan is rich in rare-earth metals, which are essential elements of
7 many modern electronics; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Refusal to establish diplomatic relations with the current government of
9 Afghanistan will diminish U.S. influence in the region; now, therefore, be
10 it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States reestablish its
12 embassy in Kabul; and be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States seek to establish formal diplomatic
14 relations with the current governing authority in Afghanistan.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.



A Bill to Implement Taxes on Mega Churches

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The US federal government will tax “mega churches” that cater to
3 thousands of people each year and pull in millions of untaxed revenue,
4 with an average of \$6.5 million in income per year.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Mega churches” shall be defined as churches that have more than 2,000
6 worshipers in attendance weekly. Attendance is defined as being present
7 for the event as it happens, either in-person or online. This definition
8 excludes recorded services that are later posted online.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the taxation of these
10 “mega churches”

11 A. The Internal Revenue Service will ensure that the “mega churches”
12 are taxed according to all applicable corporate tax laws.

13 B. The IRS will apply all applicable penalties to unpaid or late taxes
14 including levying fines and penalties as well as property liens and
15 seizing property.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on April 18, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School.



A Bill to Mandate the Legal Minimum Age to Marry to Protect Children

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The legal minimum age to marry will be raised to 18, except in cases of
3 emancipated minors in which case both parties involved must be
4 considered legal adults.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Emancipated Minors,” are defined as a person under the age of 18, who
6 has been granted full legal rights without need of a guardian.
7 “Legal Adults,” are defined as emancipated minors and/or people at or
8 above the Age of Majority in their state, with a standing minimum for the
9 Age of Majority at 18 years of age.

10 **SECTION 3.** The judiciary and legislative branches that provide Marriage Licenses will
11 oversee the enforcement of this bill.

12 A. Any judicial or legislative branch capable of approving marriage
13 licenses will require proof of age and/or emancipation for all parties
14 involved before considering granting a marriage license.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on October 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Highland Park High School.



The No Poke No Play Law of 2022

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Students and Student-Faculty wishing to attend in person or be employed
3 in public schooling in the United States are required to provide a vaccine
4 card upon enrollment or contracting.

5 **SECTION 2.** Vaccine Card shall be defined as a CDC-issued card given to the recipient
6 upon receiving their final shot of the Covid-19 Vaccine.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Center for Disease Control and
8 Prevention will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. Any districts which fail to adhere to this bill shall have monthly
10 funding cut by 45%.

11 B. Any group that is not recommended by the CDC to take any vaccine
12 (e.g. Immunocompromised peoples) are exempt from the effects of
13 this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect June 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Randall High School.



A Bill to Sustain Equality in the Dairy Industry

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall end the payment cap on five million pounds of
3 milk produced under the Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program.

4 **SECTION 2.** The “Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program” shall be defined as
5 the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) program providing
6 pandemic assistance payments to dairy farmers who received low market
7 values for milk during the period of July through December 2020.

8 **SECTION 3.** The USDA will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 A. The USDA will be granted an additional \$350 million to be used for
11 payments.

12 B. The USDA will pay dairy farmers fair market value on a per pound
13 basis.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Farwell High School.



A Resolution to Add the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution

- 1 **WHEREAS,** On January 15, 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal
2 Rights Amendment (ERA); and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** As the 38th state to ratify, Virginia fulfilled the Article V requirement of
4 the Constitution that three-fourths of states ratify a proposed
5 amendment; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Article V of the Constitution does not afford Congress the authority to
7 place a time limit by which three-fourths of states must ratify an
8 amendment for it to be adopted; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Congress’s imposition of a 1982 deadline for ratification of the ERA
10 should be considered unconstitutional; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled urge the National Archivist to
12 officially add the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to
13 the U.S. Constitution.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.



A Resolution to Remove Religious References from the Pledge of Allegiance and Federal Currency

- 1 **WHEREAS,** United States does not have an official state-endorsed religion; and
2 **WHEREAS,** not all United States Citizens are Christians or have any form of religion, it
3 is unbecoming for Christianity to be perceived as the established religion
4 of this country; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Having Christianity embedded in this way brands the nation as a Christian
6 country when in fact the population as a whole is not, resulting in a false
7 religious identity and religious conflict among citizens; and
8 **WHEREAS,** Separation of church and state as declared by Thomas Jefferson, should
9 be upheld in currency and the pledge, as it is representative of and
10 produced by the state; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation for removal of all religious mentions on United States
13 currency and federal pledges.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Pampa High School.



A Bill to Repeal the 1947 National Security Act in Order to Abolish the CIA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 104 of the 1947 National Security Act shall be repealed along
3 with other sections pertaining to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) so
4 that the CIA shall cease to exist as an independent agency. The functions
5 of the CIA will be divided among the Departments of Defense, State, and
6 Treasury.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Functions” of the CIA, as intended by the original act, are limited solely
8 to intelligence gathering and briefing of the executive branch on foreign
9 affairs and developments. Paramilitary operations will no longer be
10 allowed under law within the context or on the basis of intelligence
11 gathering. This includes acting as an active agent of destabilization in
12 foreign countries as well as a consistent recruiter and source of funding
13 for “death squads” which are condemnable, ineffective and misguided
14 acts of maintaining national security.

15 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this legislation will be overseen by the State, Defense,
16 and Treasury Departments.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect by fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School.



A Resolution to Arm the Citizens of Afghanistan to Fight the Taliban

1 **WHEREAS,** The Taliban have reseeded power in Afghanistan two week before the U.S.
2 was set to complete its troop withdrawal after a costly two-decade war;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** The insurgents reportedly began negotiating deals and surrender
5 arrangements with everyone from individual soldiers and low-level
6 government officials to provincial governors and government ministers
7 long before the launch of their final blitz in May; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Many fear the Taliban will reimpose the harsh interpretation of Shariah
9 Law that was used from 1996 to 2001; and

10 **WHEREAS,** During their earlier rule, the Taliban barred women from working outside
11 the home or attending school. Women were required to wear a burqa
12 and had to be accompanied by a male relative whenever they went
13 outside; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Citizens are now left with an oppressive government and no foreign
15 military to defend them from the harsh Taliban rule; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled divert funds previously used in the
17 Afghanistan War to arm the citizens of Afghanistan.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Randall High School.