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Chambers may set the agenda of their docket. Legislation does not belong to the chamber until it has first been introduced by the author or sponsor. School authorship is designated.

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## A Bill to Impose a National Carbon Tax

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement a national tax on all non-renewable  
3 energy sources in order to spur development of cleaner energy sources  
4 and decrease emissions. There will be a 5% tax enforced upon all  
5 companies manufacturing, refining, and processing these non-renewable  
6 energy sources.

7 **SECTION 2.** Non-renewable energy sources are defined as energy sources that  
8 release large amounts of greenhouse gases and cannot be easily  
9 replenished such as coal, oil, natural gas, etc.

10 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency  
11 (EPA) and the IRS will collaborate to oversee the implementation of this  
12 bill.

13 A. The US Department of Energy will provide subsidies to ensure proper  
14 incentive to comply with the tax.

15 B. The Environmental Protection Agency will monitor the effect the  
16 carbon tax has on the environment.

17 C. The IRS will enforce and collect the tax revenue.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill takes effect on January 1, 2028.

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

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## A Bill to Enact Safety Initiatives in all United States School Districts

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A Bill to enact safety across all school districts by administering security  
3 systems including metal detectors, access control, fences, gates, door  
4 alarms, and resource officers.

5 **SECTION 2.** A: Access control can be defined as a security technique that regulates  
6 who or what can view or use resources in a computing environment.

7 B: Resource officers is a school resource officer sworn law-enforcement  
8 officer with arrest powers who works, either full or part time, in a school  
9 setting.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and Homeland Security will oversee the  
11 Enforcement of this bill.

12 A. The funding mechanisms for this bill is through Title I funding.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2025.

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

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## **A Bill to Modify Restrictions on Guns in the United States to Decrease Shootings and Gun-Related Deaths.**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale, transfer, and possession of assault weapons will be banned, a  
3 national gun buyback program will be established, and stricter  
4 regulations will be placed on the purchase and ownership of firearms.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions are provided:

6 A. National gun buyback program: A government-funded initiative  
7 designed to encourage the voluntary surrender of firearms by  
8 offering financial compensation to individuals who turn in their  
9 weapons.

10 B. Stricter regulations: These regulations include enhanced background  
11 checks that encompass mental health, domestic violence, and  
12 criminal history; and a requirement for prospective gun owners to  
13 complete certified safety training before acquiring a firearm.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will be  
15 responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the following  
16 provisions.

17 The Department of Justice will provide legal support and prosecute any  
18 violations related to the sale, transfer, or possession of banned firearms.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027.

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

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## A Bill to Negotiate Drug Pricing to Make Healthcare Accessible

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This congress shall negotiate pricing for the top 50 most prescribed  
3 medications in the US.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Top 50 most prescribed medications" refers to a list of drugs most  
5 commonly prescribed, as determined by the Department of Health and  
6 Human Services (HHS).

7 B. "Negotiated Price" refers to the maximum amount a medication can  
8 be priced at in accordance to negotiations made by this congress and  
9 pharmaceutical companies

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall make sure  
11 that all pharmaceutical companies are in accordance with the mandated  
12 price caps.

13 A. HHS shall annually negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies to  
14 establish a maximum price scale for each drug in the top 50 list.

15 B. HHS shall penalize non-compliant pharmaceutical companies with a  
16 fine equal to 10% of the previous year's total sales of the non-  
17 compliant drug in the United States.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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## A Bill to Fund High-Speed Rail Development

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation shall allocate \$100 billion of funding  
3 for the development and implementation of high-speed rail systems  
4 across the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** A High-Speed Rail System is defined as a rail network capable of  
6 sustained speeds exceeding 150 miles per hour.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall work in collaboration with state  
8 and local authorities to identify and prioritize high-speed rail corridors  
9 based on factors such as population density, transportation demand, and  
10 potential economic impacts.

11 A. Funding will come from the Department of Defense budget.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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## A Resolution to Increase US Access to Strategic Minerals

1 **WHEREAS,** Rare earth elements and other strategic minerals are critical components  
2 of many manufacturing and defense technologies vital to US interests;  
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** Many of these minerals are controlled by a few countries or corporations  
5 with the capacity to mine, develop and/or refine them; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Increasing worldwide demand for these elements in computer  
7 technologies, energy storage devices, alternative energy, electric vehicle  
8 production, and defense technologies have given these nations and  
9 companies unprecedented control over the markets on these strategic  
10 minerals; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Recent actions by China, which controls more than half of the world's  
12 supply of these minerals, have indicated that country's willingness to use  
13 access to these elements as leverage in foreign policy; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Access to these minerals is essential to long-range US economic and  
15 military goals; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled should provide subsidies to  
17 encourage the domestic development of mining and refining capacity of  
18 strategic minerals and/or the development of viable alternatives.

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## **A Bill to Reduce the Prices of Diabetic Medical Supplies to Financially Support Diabetic Americans**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will enforce 65% price caps on Insulin and  
3 other diabetic supplies. These price caps will be enforced through the U.S  
4 government and to the major companies who sell the products in  
5 question.

6 **SECTION 2.** The major companies include, but are not limited to, Novo Nordisk,  
7 Dexcom, and Omnipod.

8 A. Diabetic Americans are defined as Americans suffering from and  
9 diagnosed with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

10 B. Diabetic supplies include, but are not limited to, Insulin, Pumps, Pens,  
11 and CGM (continuous glucose monitoring) systems.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Human and Health Services will be tasked with  
13 enforcing this legislation.

14 A. The Department of Human and Health Services will enforce a 5% tax  
15 on the profits of the major companies that refuse to lower their  
16 prices.

17 B. If the companies refuse to lower the prices after 1 year, The  
18 Department of Human and Health Services will decide the financial  
19 consequences.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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## A Bill to Raise Federal Minimum Wage to Account for Inflation and Increase in Cost of Living

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill is to enact a new minimum wage of not less than \$10.00 per  
3 hour.

4 **SECTION 2.** Inflation and the rising cost of living necessitate the raise of minimum  
5 wage to \$10.00 per hour.

6 A. Current statistics show that the state with the highest cost of living  
7 going by federal minimum wage would need an increase to 10.00 per  
8 hour to be able to afford the average apartment without any other  
9 bills.

10 B. Inflation has increased by 46.61% since the established federal  
11 minimum wage of 7.25 in 2009, thus meaning that the dollar has  
12 continued to decrease in value without any change in pay.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of  
14 this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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## A Resolution to End Military Support for Taiwan

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    Cross-strait relations between the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and  
2                    the Republic of China (ROC) have become an increasingly tentative issue  
3                    for regional and global security; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**    with defense commitments to Taiwanese stringing the United States to  
5                    the conflict, US-China relations have seen massive deterioration; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Chinese retaliation and militarization poses as a critical hazard to regional  
7                    and global security; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    American activities in Taiwan have served as a major catalyst for said  
9                    Chinese mobilization; now, therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   The United States shall end military support for Taiwan; and, be it
- 11   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall work with the PRC and ROC to host  
12                    cross-strait negotiations to diffuse tensions

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## The Arming Mexico with the Intent of Gaining Obligatory Security (A.M.I.G.O.S.) Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reform the Mexican Armed Forces (MAF) to bring  
3 them closer as an ally, increase the security of Mexico, and pave the way  
4 for Mexico's membership into NATO.

5 A. The United States will collaborate with The Federal Government of  
6 Mexico with the purpose of Mexico eventually requesting to join  
7 NATO.

8 B. The US will start training Mexican Armed Forces inside of Mexico

9 C. Mexico shall be given modernized military equipment to outdated  
10 variants.

11 **SECTION 2.** Modernized military equipment shall consist of 50 M1 Abrams tanks, 500

12 JLTVs, 15 F-16 fighter jets, 50 UH-60 helicopters, 150 M1126 Infantry

13 carrier vehicles, and 130 M1128 Mobile gun systems,

14 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State and Department of Defense will be  
15 responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

16 A. The DOS will give military aid directly to the Mexican government and  
17 will be responsible for conducting audits every year to ensure that  
18 military aid is spent as defense expenditure. If 75% of aid in one year  
19 is not spent on defense, all aid will be terminated.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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## The Democracy Act of 2024

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall require Ranked Choice Voting for elections of both  
3 Senators and Representatives in all states, used with Multi-Member  
4 Districts.

5 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting is defined as a system where each voter ranks  
6 candidates for an office in order of preference.

7 **SECTION 3.** For Multi-Member Districts, For states with six or more Representatives,  
8 districts must be fewer than the total Representatives, with elections  
9 only for these districts

10 A. Each district must have equal population as practicable per the U.S.  
11 Constitution.

12 B. Each district elects 3 to 5 Representatives.

13 **SECTION 4.** States and Local Office Unchanged. – This Act does not affect how states  
14 conduct elections for state or local offices or establish districts for such  
15 elections.

16 **SECTION 5.** Expanding the Size of the House. – The number of Representatives shall  
17 be the total U.S. population divided by the population of the smallest  
18 state.

19 **SECTION 6.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2026.

20 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Bill to Eliminate Ghost Guns

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale, purchase, or ownership of firearms which lack identifying serial  
3 numbers (i.e., ghost guns) will be prohibited in the United States and its  
4 territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** Ghost guns are firearms which lack any serial number by which they can  
6 be identified; they are typically assembled from parts by the user.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will be  
8 responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the following  
9 provisions.

10 A. All gun parts of more than one square inch in size manufactured in  
11 the United States or imported into the US must include a traceable  
12 serial number.

13 B. The manufacture and/or assembly of any 3-D printed weapon or  
14 weapon parts will be prohibited.

15 C. The sale of any weapon lacking identifying serial numbers will be  
16 punishable by a fine of \$1000 per weapon and/or up to 10 years in  
17 federal prison.

18 D. The ownership or possession of firearms lacking serial numbers will  
19 be punishable by up to 5 years in federal prison.

20 E. Collectors items manufactured prior the standard use of serial  
21 numbers will be exempt from these provisions. However, any of  
22 these exempted weapons must be permanently disabled and unable  
23 to fire.

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

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

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