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A Resolution to Require Substance Abusers to Go to Rehabilitation to Lower Recidivism

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Substance abusers are incarcerated rather than getting the proper
2 rehabilitation; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States Sentencing Commission (USSC) found that over two-
4 thirds of state drug offenders released from state prison were rearrested
5 within five years; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** When substance abusers are left without help, their addiction spirals
7 further and return to incarceration; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation to require substance abusers and those convicted of
10 possession of a Class A drug to go to rehabilitation centers to lower the
11 recidivism rate and help those who are in dire need of aide.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tyler High School.



A Bill to Require Interpreters at All Federal Buildings to Ensure Equal Access to All U.S. Citizens

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will require all federal buildings to provide an interpreter for any
3 language that makes up 10% of the population within that district based
4 on the most recent census report.

5 **SECTION 2.** An interpreter is regarded as an employee that is fluent in the language
6 and able to relay conversations in both languages. Languages will be both
7 verbal (i.e. Spanish, Mandarin, Korean) and non-verbal (i.e. American Sign
8 Language, British Sign Language).

9 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill will be overseen by The Department of
10 Health and Human Services.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Henderson High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enact Term Limits for Congress

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 I Section 2-3**

9 **SECTION 1:** The following term limits for Congress will be imposed.

10 A. Members of the United States Senate will be allowed to serve a
11 maximum of 15 years.

12 B. Members of the United States House of Representatives will be
13 allowed to serve a maximum of 11 years.

14 C. Any time served in one chamber will count toward time served in the
15 other chamber.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Center High School.



A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Countries Committing Genocide to Promote Global Peace

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current United States foreign policy allows partnering nations who
2 are committing genocide, such as Russia and China to continue these
3 actions and potentially cause influence to other nations to continue such
4 actions without consequences; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has ratified the Genocide Convention and the Universal
6 Declaration of Human Rights, which are documents concerning the
7 prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide and the advocacy
8 for equal human rights, which are to promote the welfare of nations; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** These genocides are causing millions of women daily to be sterilized and
10 stripped of their children and violently murdered along with terrorizing
11 vulnerable civilian populations; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** In 1988, the United States along with numerous other states, saw the
13 need to prevent genocide from occurring once again but failed to take
14 steps that will prevent this from ever happening again; now, therefore be
15 it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled require that the United States
17 Office of Foreign Assets Control impose sanctions on countries who are
18 committing acts of genocide to prevent future genocide and promote the
19 general welfare of the global community.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tatum High School.



A Bill to Federally Mandate the Reduction of Food Waste in Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall require all public schools to reduce food waste by
3 combining all leftover breakfast and/or lunch food into recycle containers
4 to be used by approved entities.

5 **SECTION 2.** Approved entities and recycle containers will be identified by the
6 Department of Agriculture.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education along with the Department of Agriculture
8 shall oversee the enforcement of the bill.

9 A. The Department of Education will provide guidelines for mandated
10 certification of containers along with the entities participating in the
11 recycling process.

12 B. The Department of Agriculture will certify all processes and entities
13 allowed to recycle.

14 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented on September 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Nacogdoches High School.



A Bill to Impose a Tax on Animal Feedlot Operations to Decrease Climate Change

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement a \$900 tax on animal feedlot operations
3 per every 9000 tons of carbon emitted.

4 **SECTION 2.** Animal feedlot operations are an agricultural enterprise in which animals
5 are kept and raised in confined situations. Climate Change is the
6 degradation of the environment which drastically changes the natural
7 climate.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the implementation of
9 this legislation. The funds generated from the tax will be used to fund
10 other climate change negation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hallsville High School.



A Bill to Ban SAWs and LCAFDs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale, transfer, manufacture, knowingly importation, or possession of
3 a semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition
4 feeding device (LCAFD) are hereby banned.

5 **SECTION 2.** A semiautomatic assault weapon has an ability to accept a detachable
6 magazine and has at least two of the following: A) folding or telescoping
7 stock, B) pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of
8 the weapon, C) bayonet mount, D) flash suppressor or threaded barrel
9 designed to accommodate a flash suppressor, or E) grenade launcher. A
10 large capacity ammunition feeding device means a magazine, belt, drum,
11 feed strip, or similar device that has a capacity of, or that can be readily
12 restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Justice Department and its branches of law enforcement officers will
14 enforce this law. The law shall not apply to the possession, sale, or
15 transfer of any semiautomatic assault weapon otherwise lawfully
16 possessed under federal law on the date of enactment of the Assault
17 Weapons Ban of 2022.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 31, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lindale High School.



A Bill to Make Basic Needs Affordable

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government will prevent companies, landlords, and
3 corporations from charging more than 20% of production costs for basic
4 needs.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Basic Needs” is defined as food, shelter, water, and contraceptives that
6 human beings necessitate in order to fulfill basic requirements.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health & Human Services shall audit companies to
8 verify production costs and how much they profit. If found to be selling a
9 basic need for more than 20% of its cost, a fine of 10%-25% of the
10 company’s annual sales will be imposed.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 31, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Grand Saline High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Presidential Pardon

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 II Section 2**

9 **SECTION 1:** The President of the United States will not possess the power to grant
10 pardons or reduced sentencing to any individual including themselves.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Shelbyville High School.



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 Chireno High School.



A Bill to Prohibit People Under the Age of 18 from Purchasing or Possessing Energy Drinks

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any person under the age of 18 years old shall be prohibited from both
3 purchasing and possessing energy drinks.

4 **SECTION 2.** Energy drinks are defined as a beverage containing at least sixty-five
5 milligrams of caffeine per eight fluid ounces and contains
6 methylxanthines, B vitamins, or herbal ingredients. The term does not
7 include coffee or any substantially coffee-based beverage.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall enforce this bill.

9 A. Anyone guilty of distributing, delivering, giving, or selling an energy
10 drink to an individual under the age of 18 shall be punished by a fine
11 not less than \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense
12 and \$500 for the third offense.

13 B. Additional penalties shall be levied on businesses who have repeated
14 offenses within their establishment.

15 **SECTION 4.** This policy shall go into effect 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 Chireno High School.



A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting to Make Every Vote Matter

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will move from the electoral first past-the-post system
3 to a popular vote ranked choice ballot.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Electoral first past-the-post system” is system in which the candidate
5 who receives the majority of the electoral college vote is declared the
6 winner. “Ranked choice voting” is a system in which voters rank
7 candidates from most favorable to least favorable. After initial votes are
8 counted, votes for the least popular candidate will have their second
9 choice counted instead.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee will oversee the implementation of this
11 legislation.

12 A. \$15 Million shall be appropriated to the software development,
13 construction, and distribution of voting machines that can count
14 ranked-choice ballots.

15 B. States will be provided with funding based on population for the
16 installation and operation training on new voting machines.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect during the 2026 election cycle.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hallsville High School.



A Bill to Approve the Implementation of and Funding for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of artificial intelligence (AI) for the purpose of approved health
3 care application will be classified as part of standard treatment for
4 patients in need of long-term assisted care and covered within all
5 federally funded health care insurance programs and facilities.

6 **SECTION 2.** It is understood that the operation of any AI system or robotic equipment
7 will be monitored and controlled by human medical professionals. In
8 addition, as AI technology improves and becomes increasingly
9 autonomous, all programming and development will be designed in good
10 faith and within the bounds of any AI related legislature passed into law
11 by the U.S. Congress.

12 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
13 Services and Energy and Commerce Committees for approval of
14 prescribed AI care as standard practice when deemed appropriate, and
15 for approval of funding and granting of purchasing power for AI systems
16 and devices.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented within six months of the bill's
18 passing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rusk High School.



A Bill to Ban Trading of Stocks by Members of Congress

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Securities and Exchange Commission will require all elected members
3 of Congress to secure any privately owned tradable assets in a blind trust.
4 Elected members of Congress will be ineligible to actively participate in
5 any form of stock trading for the duration of their term.

6 **SECTION 2.** Stock trading will be defined as any exchange of shares of any company
7 through the stock market. A blind trust is defined as a financial
8 arrangement in which a person in public office gives the administration of
9 private business interests to an independent trust in order to prevent
10 conflict of interest.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, with oversight from the
12 Securities and Exchange Commission, will oversee enforcement of this
13 bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented 90 days after passing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tatum High School.