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## A Resolution to Implement Anti-SLAPP Laws at the National Level

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   SLAPP laws refer to a trend of retaliatory lawsuits brought to intimidate  
2                   and silence opponents that engage in criticism in the public sphere; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   They do so through baseless yet expensive legal proceedings that are  
4                   used against individuals with meager resources and legal counsel; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Anti-SLAPP laws are intended to prevent people from using potential  
6                   threats from the lawsuit to intimidate those that exercise their First  
7                   Amendment rights; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   News organizations and individual journalists use anti-SLAPP to protect  
9                   themselves against groundless defamation cases by their enterprises or  
10                  investigative stories; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,**   Under the anti-SLAPP statutes, the plaintiff must show that they have  
12                  evidence that could result in a possible favorable verdict; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,**   If the plaintiff fails, the suit is dismissed through anti-SLAPP proceedings  
14                  and legal fees are reimbursed; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
16                  recommendation that the anti-SLAPP laws are implemented as a national  
17                  law.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Quanah High School.*



## **A Bill to Grant the Citizens of American Samoa ‘Citizen Status’ for the United States**

1 **SECTION 1.** The citizens of American Samoa shall henceforth be recognized by the  
2 government of the United States as citizens.

3 **SECTION 2.** Granting American Samoans U.S. citizenship means expanding all of the rights  
4 bestowed upon U.S. citizens to people born in American Samoa.

5 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services will oversee the transition of citizen  
6 status to American Samoans.

7 A. This will prevent American Samoans from being subjected to a costly and  
8 lengthy naturalization process to become a citizen.

9 B. U.S. citizenship is required for many jobs at the local, state, and federal level  
10 such as police officers and teachers.

11 C. U.S. citizens can vote in local, state, and federal elections in the United States  
12 when a resident of a U.S. state. U.S. Nationals do not have this right. They  
13 may only vote in their home territory. Many American Samoans join the U.S.  
14 military, but they are not allowed to vote for their Commander-in-Chief.

15 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go in effect upon passing of legislation.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Holliday ISD.*



## A Bill to Ensure Glass Recycling is Made Accessible to Combat the Global Sand Shortage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All states in America will be required to offer the recycling of all glass  
3 products in their mid-sized or larger cities to decrease reliance on the  
4 widely used, non-renewable natural resource of sand.

5 **SECTION 2.** Mid-sized and large cities include any cities with a population exceeding  
6 100,000 people. The global glass shortage has arisen because of the  
7 overproduction of sand to make glass products, construction materials,  
8 and concrete.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee and enforce this  
10 action.

11 A. All states must provide residential access for the recycling of glass  
12 materials in the form of a bin every 10 square miles within city limits  
13 or wide access to curbside collection of materials.

14 B. Any state not in compliance with this bill will be fined a maximum of  
15 \$25,000 for every ten square miles without access to these recycling  
16 options.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Holliday High School.*



## A Bill to Legalize the Market for Human Organs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any American citizen will be able to participate in the buying and selling  
3 of human organs if they choose.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) shall oversee  
5 the legalization for marketing human organs.

6 A. All buying and selling of organs shall be under circumstances of life or  
7 death.

8 B. All transactions will take place through the HRSA.

9 C. Any illegal transaction will be prosecuted with 30 years to life.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented January 31, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Vernon High School.*



## A Resolution to Contain China's Influence to Protect America

- 1 **WHEREAS,** China has consistently shown itself to be a danger to the liberal world  
2 order; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** China is aggressively using its extensive power to undermine human  
4 rights, democracy, rule of law, and free markets across the globe; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** China has engaged in covert, coercive, and corrupting behavior in an  
6 attempt to influence and destabilize America and our allies; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** It is the express goal of China to extend its influence to every corner of  
8 the Earth, and replace America as the dominant world power; now,  
9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled dedicate itself and our nation to  
11 the containment of Chinese influence and the protection of human rights  
12 and democracy.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Chillicothe High School.*



## A Resolution to Enforce Congress's Sole Authority to Declare War

- 1 **WHEREAS,** After the 9/11 attacks, Congress allowed the President unlimited  
2 authority to attack any nation, organization, or person they deemed was  
3 involved in the attack; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This authorization has resulted in 41 military operations in 19 countries  
5 including Afghanistan, Yemen, Libya, Somalia, Pakistan, and Syria. None  
6 of these attacks received the clear consent of Congress that is  
7 constitutionally required; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** These military operations have resulted in the death of over 10,000  
9 American service members and 336,000 civilians. These operations have  
10 also resulted in the displacement of a least 37 million refugees, and cost  
11 the American taxpayers 6.4 trillion dollars; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** These lives were lost and destroyed without the consent of Congress.  
13 The 2001 authorization of military force has been stretched beyond  
14 recognition to give the Presidency imperial and dangerous authority over  
15 war declarations that the founders never intended; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled repeal the 2001 Authorization for  
17 Use of Military Force; and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the President of the United States may not authorize any  
19 aggressive military operations beyond limited and proportional responses  
20 to attacks on American military personnel, citizens, or soil without the  
21 clear consent of Congress.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Chillicothe High School.*



## A Bill to Decriminalize Possession of Hard Drugs at the Federal Level

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The possession of hard drugs for personal use should be decriminalized at  
3 the federal level in order to expand medical access to treatment,  
4 rehabilitation, and combat the rising drug-related incarceration rates.

5 **SECTION 2.** Hard drugs are drugs that are known to be dangerous and more likely to  
6 cause dependency; including heroin, cocaine, and LSD. The  
7 decriminalization of hard drugs would make possessing small amounts of  
8 these drugs a misdemeanor equivalent to a parking ticket or a \$100 fine.  
9 This misdemeanor would require the offender to attend a state-funded  
10 rehabilitation treatment program.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be overseen by the United States Department of Justice in  
12 conjunction with the United States Congress. The Department of Justice  
13 will oversee the release of current incarcerated prisoners as long as the  
14 state-funded rehabilitation treatment program is met.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted upon the start of the fiscal year of 2023.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Quanah High School.*



## **A Resolution to Stop the Sale and Production of Electronic Training Collars to Prevent Animal Abuse**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Electronic training collars are harmful to animals; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** These collars are abusing and causing harm to animals; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Electronic training collars have been shown to cause behavioral issues,
- 4 including anxiety and aggression in dogs; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Electronic, or shock collars, are any collar that sends electric current
- 6 through metal contact points into an animal's neck; now therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 8 recommendation for solution to prevent animal abuse by stopping the
- 9 sale and production of electronic training collars.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Archer City High School.*



## A Bill to Assist Veterans with PTSD Through EMDR Therapy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Veterans of the United States military suffering from Post-Traumatic  
3 Stress Disorder (PTSD) will have access to Eye Movement Desensitization  
4 and Reprocessing (EMDR) as a treatment option.

5 **SECTION 2.** PTSD is defined as a psychiatric disorder that may occur in people who  
6 have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event. EMDR therapy is  
7 defined as an evidence-based, clinician led, psychotherapy for (PTSD).  
8 EMDR therapy consists of 12 sessions that must be completed in eight  
9 different stages. During EMDR therapy the client attends to emotionally  
10 disturbing material in brief sequential doses while simultaneously  
11 focusing on an external stimulus.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will oversee this treatment.  
13 The cost will be \$3000 for 12 sessions. More than one million veterans  
14 have been diagnosed with PTSD.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect January 31, 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Olney High School.*



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban Gerrymandering

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:** Representative districts may not be created in such a way to ensure the  
10 representation of, or protect the power of any ideology, belief, or  
11 political party. All states must make use of politically independent  
12 commissions when drawing representative districts for federal purposes.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Chillicothe High School.*



## A Resolution to Ban Human-Animal Chimera Research and Experimentation

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

2 **WHEREAS,** Scientists have been developing human-pig chimeras, in order to harvest  
3 human organs for transplants, and

4 **WHEREAS,** Scientists have succeeded in developing a technique called interspecies  
5 blastocyst complementation, which involves CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing  
6 and human cells being injected into pig embryos, and

7 **WHEREAS,** Chimeras could plausibly develop high functioning morally relevant  
8 cognitive capacities, calling into question whether or not it is morally  
9 ethical to slaughter them for human organs, and

10 **WHEREAS,** The probability of dehumanization and moral insanity is exceedingly high  
11 when it comes to developing human-animal chimeras with any intention,  
12 good or bad; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
14 recommendation for the banning of any animal-human chimera research  
15 or experimentation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Olney High School.*



## **A Bill to Require Fines to be Based on Income in Order to Give Equal Punishment to Rich and Poor**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will require fines to be a percentage of a person's yearly earnings in  
3 order to ensure equal punishment based off of income.

4 **SECTION 2.** Fine is best defined as punishing someone by making them pay a sum of money,  
5 typically as a penalty for breaking the law. Punishment is best defined as  
6 imposing a penalty on for a fault, offense, or violation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice is the agency that will oversee and implement this bill  
8 by implementing the method of paying for fines.

9 A. Each state and national fine will have a designated percentage.

10 B. This bill will only apply to fines that cost more than one hundred dollars.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2023.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Iowa Park High School.*



## A Bill to Limit All Prison Sentences to Twenty Years

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

2 **SECTION 1.** No person in the United States shall receive a federal prison sentence  
3 exceeding twenty years in length.

4 **SECTION 2.** There are no ambiguous terms.

5 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice in conjuncture with  
6 the Bureau of Prisons. All current federal prisoners who have served  
7 more than twenty consecutive years will be evaluated and/or released.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Vernon High School.*



## A Resolution to Increase Funding for the Public Defense System to Protect Those Affected by the Justice Gap

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Public defense systems deny meaningful representation in court to its  
2 defendants; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Severely underfunded and overburdened lawyers are unable to conduct  
4 investigations, legal research, or witness interviews that then lead to  
5 innocent defendants pleading guilty or being convicted; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** A weak public defense system continues to increase the number of  
7 grievances shared by the most alienated when it comes to a system they  
8 feel is stacked against them; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Ineffective legal representation has tipped the scales of justice against  
10 marginalized communities and individuals to create ineffective legal  
11 representation to those to whom criminal law targets for punishment;  
12 now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
14 recommendation to increase the funding of the public defense system.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Burkburnett High School.*



## A Resolution to Require a Recycling Station for Every Waste Collection Station

- 1 **WHEREAS,** 328 million people in the U.S.A. are at a constant threat pollution due to  
2 Micro- and Nano-plastics causing our landfills to overflow; and  
3 **WHEREAS,** Plastics take thousands of years to decay leaving an everlasting effect on  
4 our environment; and  
5 **WHEREAS,** Recycling can lead to 27% less plastics being created every year due to  
6 the reuse and reduce of plastics; and  
7 **WHEREAS,** Recycling stations can help our environment if they are readily available  
8 to all citizens of the United States; now, therefore, be it  
9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
10 recommendation for solution that every waste collection station be  
11 required to offer a recycling station.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Burkburnett High School.*



## **A Resolution to Mandate a Federal Standard of Paid Vacation to Benefit Workers and the Economy**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** United States workers and employees need to be given a minimum  
2 period of paid vacation; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Paid vacation has been shown to increase productivity and benefit the  
4 economy; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Paid leave provides benefits to both employers and employees because it  
6 reduces the spread of illness, increases public health, and heightens  
7 productivity; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. is the only industrialized nation without a national standard of  
9 paid vacation; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
11 recommendation to federally mandate a minimum of four weeks of paid  
12 vacation per year.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Holliday High School.*



## A Resolution to Regulate Neonicotinoids to Save Pollinators

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The overuse of pesticides and other chemicals are endangering bees; and  
2 **WHEREAS,** Schools, homes, gardens, parks, and agricultural fields use pesticides that  
3 kill bees and disrupt biodiversity; and  
4 **WHEREAS,** Beekeepers report annual hive losses of a third or more in recent years;  
5 and  
6 **WHEREAS,** Scientists state that there are many reasons for the alarming trend of  
7 hive loss which includes pathogens, nutrition and habitat loss, and  
8 pesticide exposure; and  
9 **WHEREAS,** The Environmental Protection Agency permitted neonicotinoids onto the  
10 market without an adequate review and continue to fail in tracking and  
11 regulating neonicotinoids; and  
12 **WHEREAS,** Honeybees perform 80% of all pollination worldwide; and  
13 **WHEREAS,** One in three bites of food consumed depends on bees and their ability to  
14 pollinate; and  
15 **WHEREAS,** Protecting bees is essential to global food security and is also a benefit to  
16 the climate and environment; now, therefore, be it,  
17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
18 recommendation for solution to track and regulate the use of  
19 neonicotinoids.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Vernon High School.*



## **A Bill to Revive and Complete the Shield Defense Initiative (Star Wars Act)**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will revive the Shield Defense Initiative (SDI)  
3 and fully develop the SDI System.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Shield Defense Initiative is defined as the program introduced by the  
5 Reagan Administration in 1983 to develop a defense system against  
6 potential nuclear attacks by intercepting intercontinental ballistic missiles  
7 at various phases of their flight.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Space Force branch of the military will enforce the regeneration of  
9 the SDI program. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
10 (NASA) will be responsible for the completion of Shield technology.  
11 Funding provided would be allocated to the Space Force and NASA. Each  
12 will receive a total of 200 billion dollars by the end of 2030.

13 **SECTION 4.** This program will be fully operational by the end of the decade (2030).

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Olney High School.*



## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Require A Two-Thirds Congressional Approval of Supreme Court Nominees**

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 III --**

9 **SECTION 1:** The President of the United States shall have power to nominate  
10 Supreme Court Justices, and by and with the advice and consent of two-  
11 thirds of both the House of Representatives and Senate, shall appoint the  
12 Supreme Court Justices.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Quanah High School.*



## **A Bill to Allow U.S. Residents with a Social Security Number the Right to Vote**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Law abiding, social security registered, and tax paying residents of the  
3 United States should be allowed to vote on policies and politicians.

4 Residents who have obtained a social security number have proven to be  
5 hard working members of the United States. This will aid in increasing  
6 voter participation and provide elections the opportunity to return to a  
7 true democratic system.

8 **SECTION 2.** A resident is someone who lives permanently or on a long-term basis in a  
9 country.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Social Security Administration in conjunction with state  
11 and local governments will oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by September 2022.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Burkburnett High School.*