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A Bill to Provide a Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will provide a Universal Basic
3 Income of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per month to every adult who
4 is a legal resident of the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, Universal Basic Income (UBI) is
6 defined as a government program in which eligible individuals receive a
7 set amount of money on a regular basis to alleviate poverty and stimulate
8 the economy.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Treasury Department, together with the Internal
10 Revenue Service (IRS), will oversee implementation of this legislation and
11 will distribute UBI funds monthly to all U.S. citizens and legally admitted
12 immigrants over the age of eighteen.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 4.



A Bill to Designate Election Day as a Federal Holiday to Promote Democracy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Election Day will be designated and recognized as a United States federal
3 holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** Election Day shall be defined as the day the federal government sets for
5 federal elections.

6 A federal holiday shall be defined as a calendar date recognized as a
7 holiday by the United States federal government.

8 A. All non-essential federal government offices are closed.

9 B. Every federal government employee shall be paid for the day.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enacted by the United States Congress in joint
11 cooperation with the Federal Election Commission.

12 A. Additionally, \$10 billion will be allocated to the Federal Election
13 Commission in order to ensure the proper amount of voting stations
14 throughout the country.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect two months upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 2.



The Robin Hood Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Businesses in the top 1% of value will pay 10% more corporate taxes. The
3 revenue from the extra 10% increase in taxes shall be distributed to
4 people below the poverty line in the form of basic income.

5 **SECTION 2.** Basic income shall be defined as an income that is given to an individual
6 in addition to their normal revenue from their job or business.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of the
8 taxes and the Department of the Treasury shall give out the basic income.
9 The Health and Human Services Department shall help oversee who
10 qualifies for the program.

11 A. The top 1% of businesses shall be determined based on their
12 estimated value after Q4, 2021. After implementation, businesses
13 affected by the tax increase will change every quarter.

14 B. The IRS will determine for each family based on the 2020 Census who
15 falls under the poverty line which will indicate who is qualified to
16 receive the basic income.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 19.



A Bill to Ban Winner Take All States to Protect the Electoral Integrity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** States must submit slates of electors that are proportional to the electoral vote
3 within their state

4 **SECTION 2.** Proportionality shall be defined as equating the percentage of electoral points
5 from the state to the percentage of the popular vote won in that state. In the
6 case this results in a fraction, the majority winner's points will round up

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Congress will oversee this legislation.

8 A. For any state that sends an unrepresentative slate of electors, the Electoral
9 Count in Congress shall rule that all electors will be deemed abstentions.

10 B. The District of Columbia Circuit Court will have original jurisdiction in any
11 cases pertaining to the electoral college or electors.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect for the 2024 Presidential Election.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC Region 10.



A Bill to Reallocate Funding for Police De-escalation Training

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal funding will be reallocated to allow for the inclusion of extensive
3 nationally mandated law enforcement officer de-escalation training.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Police de-escalation training” shall be defined as an expansion to the standard
5 law enforcement training in which every police officer trainee learns to diffuse
6 potentially dangerous situations.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and Homeland Security will oversee the
8 implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented July 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 1.



A Bill to Decriminalize Drug Use

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Drug use in and by itself shall not be deemed a crime. Persons who are
3 diagnosed as begin habitually addicted to drugs by a licensed physician
4 but who are free of criminal activity shall be remanded by a court to
5 rehabilitation within the state penitentiary system.

6 **SECTION 2.** This bill creates a rehabilitation program within the various state
7 penitentiary systems based on proved medical methodologies and
8 overseen by qualified medical personnel under the jurisdiction of the
9 various penitentiary governing Boards of Parole and Pardons who shall
10 have the authority to release and approve the completion of the program
11 by the prior drug addict.

12 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the U.S. Department
13 of Justice, in consultation with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill goes into effect immediately upon approval.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 3.



A Bill to Fine and Prohibit Any Variation of Scalping

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Scalping is a widespread issue throughout the e-commerce market,
3 creating barriers that prevent the general public from accessing goods
4 and services.

5 A. Thus, scalpers monopolize the free market; because the vast majority
6 of people as they do not have the means to compete with cyber
7 scalpers or pay the scalper's outrageous prices.

8 B. Cyber Scalpers use programming and websites to automatically
9 collect specific items the second they are released. This creates an
10 unfair market for the American public through the monopolization of
11 products.

12 **SECTION 2.** Scalping is defined as the activity of buying products at market price and
13 then selling the products at higher prices as the product's demand
14 increases.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Justice department will oversee the prosecution and fine process
16 that results from this bill.

17 A. Upon first offense the department will confiscate all scalped items
18 and fine the scalper for \$500, upon second offense the Justice
19 department will double the fine, and the third offense will be a
20 \$2,000 dollar fine with up to a 4-month prison sentence.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented one year after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 11.



A Resolution to Ban Political Parties in the United States of America

1 **WHEREAS,** Political parties are causing a tear in our nation causing the citizens to
2 become individualistic and not pro-America; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Political parties are tearing our country into shards causing America to
4 quarrel, the tear between Democrats and Republicans will lead to
5 another civil war; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Political parties are no longer necessary, it is time to make the public
7 start doing research on the candidates themselves; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Originally our founding fathers did not want our country to have political
9 parties in fear that it would tear our country apart; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend banning the political
11 parties in the United States of America; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall ban the political parties by removing
13 them from the voting ballots and putting a fee on running in any election
14 as a representative of a certain party.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 17.



A Resolution to Create a Work Program among Welfare Recipients to Increase Employability and Morale of Unemployed Americans

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Welfare recipients need more opportunities for work; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Opportunities for work could be provided through subsidized positions in the
3 private sector, as well as in public service works; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Welfare recipients will be further enabled to contribute to society by gaining
5 employable skills and experience, and will begin working towards financial
6 independence; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** A work program would decrease the negative stigma surrounding those on
8 welfare, which is essential to improve the morale of the recipients; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The gaining of employable skills and experience by welfare recipients would help
10 create a positive contribution to our society as well as positively impacting the
11 lives of those on government assistance and their families; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled promote the idea of a work program
13 among welfare recipients.



A Resolution to Enforce Congress' 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.



A Bill to Provide a Military Option to Non-Violent Offenders to Curtail Mass Imprisonment

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to combat rampant overpopulation in the U.S. prison system, non-
3 violent offenders shall be provided the option to enlist into the U.S. Army.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Non-violent offenders” is defined by the Department of Justice as “property,
5 drug, and public order offenses which do not involve a threat of harm or an
6 actual attack upon a victim.”

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice working in tandem with the U.S. Army will oversee
8 the enforcement of this bill.

9 A. At sentencing a defendant will be offered traditional sentencing of
10 imprisonment or given the ability to serve their sentence time in the U.S.
11 Army.

12 B. The sentence duration will be served in the Army with the same ability for
13 parole. If the defendant violates any rules or laws while serving they will
14 then immediately serve the remainder of their time in federal custody.

15 C. Army officials will have authority over the manner of how the sentence is
16 carried out.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted on August 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 6.



A Resolution to Advance Strategic Competition with the People's Republic of China

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States of America has increasingly had issues with strategic
2 military technological competition with the People's Republic of China;
3 and
4 **WHEREAS,** Little to no action has been taken directly in addressing the strategic
5 military advancement of the People's Republic of China; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Recent developments have shown that The United States is falling behind
7 the overall technological capabilities of the People's Republic of China;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS,** Military and policy analysts broadly agree that investments in military
10 research and development can provide substantial technological and
11 strategic competitive advantages for the United States; and
12 **WHEREAS,** Creating a new program or initiative to drive technological innovation for
13 military use would ease ongoing fear in the American people and armed
14 service members toward the People's Republic of China; and
15 **WHEREAS,** It is imperative the United States remain the world superpower; now,
16 therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
18 recommendation for the United States to substantially increase its
19 research and development of military technology; and, be it
20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States should substantially increase its strategic
21 competition with the People's Republic of China by engaging through
22 military technology.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 7.



A Bill to Grant Asylum to Afghan Women and Children

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Afghani women and children at high risk of harm fleeing Taliban
3 occupation shall be granted emergency asylum within United States
4 domestic borders or territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** Asylum seeker shall be defined as a person who has left their home
6 country as a political refugee and is seeking asylum in another. High risk
7 of harm is defined as an imminent threat to life based upon gender or
8 age.

9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement shall be through United States Immigration and Customs
10 Enforcement.

11 A. Degree of risk to asylum seekers shall be determined by the U.S.
12 immigration system.

13 B. Asylum shall be granted only to women and children under the age of
14 18.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will 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 ESC Region 12.



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 ESC Region 16.



A Resolution Extract and Grant Visa access to Afghan Interpreters and Their Families

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current status of Afghanistan is hostile to American Allies; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Afghan interpreters have sacrificed their safety for the United States
3 Military; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the moral obligation to protect our allies; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** If the Afghan interpreters stay in Afghanistan, their lives will be at stake;
6 and their families lives will also be at stake; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The current Taliban Policy is to execute and torture Afghan interpreters
8 and their families; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A multitude of American allies have already been tortured and executed
10 for their ties with the United States government; now, therefore, be it.
- 11 **RESOLVED,** The UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12 that the United State Federal government grant visa access to Afghan
13 interpreters and their families.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 14.



A Resolution to Increase Federal Support for Americans with Opioid Addiction

1 **WHEREAS,** Addictive opioids are on the rise within the United States, and there is
2 almost no federal or state assistance for Americans with severe opioid
3 addictions; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The explosion in use of illicit opioids, such as Fentanyl is worsening this
5 trend dramatically, thousands of Americans become addicted to these
6 drugs, and lack access to affordable treatment. This leaves thousands of
7 Americans in a situation where they are unable to receive any assistance.
8 In 2020, the United States lost 93,000 Americans due to overdose from
9 addictive opioids; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Given the huge number of Americans that fall victim to extreme opioid
11 abuse, thousands of households are destroyed, as families are unable to
12 feed their families, and be able to sustain a job; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation to increase federal support for Americans with opioid
15 addiction; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled provide grants and
17 subsidies to states and localities to create or enhance facilities and
18 programs for the treatment of opioid abuse.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 20.



A Bill to Institute a Carbon Tax to Confront Climate Change

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All corporations will be required to pay a carbon tax of \$15 per ton,
3 escalating by \$10 per ton annually until it reaches \$115 per ton by 2030.

4 **SECTION 2.** A corporation is an organization or group of people authorized to act as a
5 single entity. A carbon tax is a tax on the emission of carbon into the
6 atmosphere.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will work with the U.S. Department
8 of the Treasury to enforce this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect by January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 8.



A Bill to Provide a Tuition-Free Start to College or Trade School

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Two years of tuition-free college or one year of tuition-free trade school
3 be provided to all American citizens.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation will only apply to in-state, publicly-funded colleges and
5 trade schools. No other costs, like housing and books, will be covered by
6 this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (DOE) will oversee the implementation of
8 this legislation.

9 A. States will compile a list of enrolled students eligible for this program
10 at the beginning of each semester. They will report this list to the DOE
11 to receive reimbursement from the federal government. States will
12 be responsible for ensuring that colleges and trade school receive the
13 appropriate amount of funding to cover the cost of free tuition.

14 B. Colleges and trade schools are still able to accept or reject applicants
15 as normal. This legislation simply allows accepted applicants to attend
16 for free.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 13.



A Bill to Fund Non-Lethal Weapons to Decrease Fatal Shootings by Police Officers

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Money funded to police departments for guns will now also be used to fund non-
3 lethal weapons in order to reduce the chances of death during arrest and
4 altercations.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Non-Lethal weapons” are defined as weapons that are explicitly
6 designed and primarily employed so as to incapacitate personnel or material,
7 while minimizing fatalities, permanent injury to personnel, and undesired
8 damage to property and the environment.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the start of our next financial quarter upon
11 passage.

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

Introduced for UIL congressional debate by ESC Region 5.



A Bill to Implement Rank Choice Voting in Federal Elections to Better Represent the People of the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will move from the first-past-the-post system to a rank
3 choice voting system.

4 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting: A system where voters rank 3 candidates from
5 favorite to least favorite. After counting the votes, voters that voted for
6 the least popular candidate will have their second choice counted
7 instead.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee will implement this legislation.

9 A. \$10 million shall be appropriated to the software development,
10 construction, and distribution of voting machines that can count
11 ranked-choice ballots.

12 B. States will be provided with funding based on population for the
13 installation of voting machines, educating voters on how to fill out
14 the ranked-choice ballots, and how to operate the new voting
15 machines.

16 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect during the 2024 election.

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