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A Resolution to Encourage States to Establish 24-Hour Polling Locations to Promote Democracy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Many states are establishing practices and passing laws that limit polling
2 location hours.; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The early closing of polling locations excludes numerous of eligible voters
4 from voting in election; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A lack of participation in elections leads to a decrease in democracy; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Democracy and representative government is important to ensuring the
7 views of the American people are up held; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation to each state to establish 24 hour polling locations in
10 every county in the state.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 10.



A Resolution to Abolish the UN Veto

1 **WHEREAS,** Veto power in the United Nations has been abused to support individual
2 member states geopolitical interests and stand as an undemocratic
3 process; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The Veto power has been used to incite violence, pardon ethnic cleansing
5 and conflict, and validate abusive practices, with conflicts in Ukraine,
6 Gaza, Syria, China, Russia, Myanmar, and many other countries showing
7 symptomatic, deeper problems in the international system; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The five permanent member nations can exploit and utilize the veto
9 power to push their own political agenda, having led to millions of deaths
10 in unnecessary and unethical conflicts; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The veto fundamentally undermines peace talks, security council
12 discussion and solution, and the purpose of the United Nations
13 internationally; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United Nations' veto system be
15 abolished.

16 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 11.*



A Bill to Increase Homeless Shelters to Rehabilitate the Homeless

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will work to increase the amount
3 of homeless shelters in cities with homeless populations greater than
4 10,000 people.

5 **SECTION 2.** Homeless shelters shall be defined as temporary residencies for homeless
6 individuals and families. Homelessness shall be defined as lacking housing
7 or lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) will work
9 in conjunction with state governments to implement this legislation.

10 A. An additional 75 million dollars will be allocated annually to the
11 budget of the USICH for a span of 5 years

12 B. The additional funding will be attained through diverting funds from
13 the Department of Defense (DoD).

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

15 **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 Fund Infrastructure for Reservations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Interior in conjunction with the director of the Bureau of
3 Indian Affairs shall develop a plan to expedite construction and the
4 development of infrastructure on federally recognized reservations.

5 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall be defined as roads, bridges, water, power facilities,
6 and medical facilities.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Department of the Interior (DOI)
8 will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

9 A. All infrastructure building projects and plans shall be expedited and
10 supervised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

11 B. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Division of Facilities Management
12 and Construction shall be expanded to include the construction,
13 management, and maintenance of reservation infrastructure.

14 C. Funds shall be distributed based on square mileage of reservation,
15 current funding toward infrastructure projects, and general necessity
16 as assessed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

17 D. \$7 billion shall be allotted for the implementation of this bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect October 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 17.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Upper Age Limits for Members of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the United States Government

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
3 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
4 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the
5 date of its submission by the Congress:

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

7 **ARTICLE I**

8 **SECTION 1:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the
9 U.S. House of Representatives. During all election years, candidates are required
10 to be under the age of 70 during their prospective term. Members of the U.S.
11 House of Representatives shall not be considered for re-election once they have
12 reached 68 years of age.

13 **SECTION 2:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the
14 U.S. Senate. During all election years, candidates are required to be under the
15 age of 70 during their prospective term. Members of the U.S. Senate shall not be
16 considered for re-election once they have reached 68 years of age.

17 **SECTION 2:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the
18 office of President or Vice-President of the United States. During all election
19 years, candidates are required to be under the age of 70 during their prospective
20 term. At the time of re-election, the residing President and Vice-President shall
21 not be eligible for a second term once they have reached 66 years of age.

22 **SECTION 3:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
23 legislation.

24 **SECTION 4:** Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 5.

We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and has permission to be presented.



A Bill to Ban the Use of Polygraphs in Courts to Help Eliminate the Chances of Unreliable Science Influencing the Jury

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Polygraphs will no longer be admissible as evidence in criminal court
3 cases in the U.S. seeing as it is an unreliable source of information.

4 **SECTION 2.** A polygraph test is a tool used to conduct physiological exams that
5 indicate changes in heart rate, respiration, skin conductivity, and more as
6 a person answers questions.

7 **SECTION 3.** To ensure the enforcement of this bill, it will be overseen by the
8 Department of Justice

9 A. Funding will be through normal means.

10 B. Judges that allow violations of this legislation in their courts will be
11 subject to the penalties of contempt of court.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 18



A Resolution to Designate Health Decisions to Local County Officials

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In matters of public health, decisions on preventive measures and how to
2 respond during crises are best handled at the county level; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The size of some states in terms of population are too large and diverse
4 to regulate healthcare policies for the state as the whole; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The vast distribution of population geographically spread across some
6 states ensures varied risk of exposure and options for treatment; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Needs and responses for densely populated areas of some states will
8 align differently than areas with a more dispersed population; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** There is a higher probability for individuals to adopt policies when these
10 decisions are established at the local level to meet the specific county's
11 needs; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation that decisions regarding public health be guided by the
14 state and decided by the county.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 12.



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.



A Resolution to Extend Student Loan Forgiveness Programs to STEM Professions

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) professions
2 are currently experiencing a shortage in the workforce; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Economic projections point to a need for approximately \$1 million more
4 STEM professionals that the U.S. will produce over the next decade; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** If we fail to supplement the STEM labor force, it could mean the collapse
6 of our infrastructure and lead to the United States falling behind in
7 technological areas; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** We must act now so that current students will be inclined to enter the
9 STEM field and take advantage of student loan forgiveness; now,
10 therefore,
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend supplementing
12 Student Loan Forgiveness to prepare for a future STEM worker shortage.



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.



A Resolution to Negotiate a Grand Bargain between the United States and China

1 **WHEREAS,** China has drilled deep in disputed territories to retrieve sediment core
2 from the seabed; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This action has raised tensions with neighboring countries in East Asia;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** China has used artificial islands to falsely extend its control of the sea;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** International institutions have been unable to resolve the conflict; and

8 **WHEREAS,** U.S. action is necessary in order to broker peace in the region; and

9 **WHEREAS,** U.S. rejection of the One China Policy has acted as a roadblock for
10 negotiations between U.S. and China; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States should offer
12 to recognize and adopt the One China Policy under the conditions that
13 China peacefully resolves territorial disputes in the South China Sea and
14 East China Sea and abides by international law with regards to territory
15 disputes ; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That in exchange for ending the United States' commitment to the
17 defense of Taiwan, China must officially accept the United States' long-
18 term military presence in East Asia.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ESC Region 20.



A Resolution to Increase Natural Gas Sales to Germany to Combat Russian Influence

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The European Union receives 40% of its natural gas imports from Russia; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Germany buys an even higher percentage of their gas from Russia at 46%; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Germany is the endpoint of the Russian Nordstream 1 and 2 gas pipelines; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Germany holds the most US military bases overseas; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The Russian government may use Germany's gas dependence to expand its
- 6 interests in Germany and the European Union at large; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Increased Russian influence in Germany would have devastating consequences
- 8 to the United States foreign policy and the European Union; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States shall increase natural
- 10 gas sales to Germany.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 13.



A Resolution to Limit the Terms of Supreme Court Justices

1 **WHEREAS,** A 2018 survey indicates that only 28% of Americans think that Supreme
2 Court Justices should serve for life. The U.S. has one of the few high
3 courts in the world without fixed terms; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The life expectancy when the Constitution was ratified was 38 years of
5 age, while today it is 79, leaving Justices to serve for far more years than
6 the framers ever intended; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Presidents are motivated to pick younger Justices to ensure they serve
8 longer, rather than choosing more experienced candidates; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Political pressure is put on Justices to “retire” or “not retire” depending
10 on the President in office with the ability to replace them; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The political balance of the court does not reflect the political balance of
12 the nation. The confirmation of Justices has also been affected by
13 politics, because of the high stakes of life appointments; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
16 recommendation that Supreme Court Justices be limited to 18 years of
17 service in that court. They may serve in other court capacities after their
18 tenure on the Supreme Court; and, be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Presidents may not appoint more than two Justices per term
20 to help insure future balance of the court. *Introduced for*

UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 19.



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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 15.



A Bill to Administer National Universal Healthcare

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

2 **SECTION 1.** At least one hospital in each county or comparable subdivision of the
3 state will become a universal healthcare location. These hospitals will
4 begin accepting patients regardless of their insurance or ability to pay. All
5 treatments ranging from antibiotics to palliative care would be available.
6 Counties without a hospital will be assigned to a neighboring county.
7 Partnerships between healthcare locations such as nursing homes and
8 rehabilitation centers will be enacted.

9 **SECTION 2.** According to the World Health Organization, universal healthcare is
10 defined as “ all people have access to the health services they need,
11 when and where they need them, and without financial hardship.”

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, will oversee
13 and enforce this bill.

14 A. The HHS would decide which hospitals would become a universal
15 healthcare location.

16 B. The healthcare would be paid for by the federal government. Income
17 taxes and payroll taxes may be increased to help cover costs.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2030.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 14.



A Bill to Implement Safe Injection Sites

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement Safe Injection Sites in many cities.

3 **SECTION 2.** Safe injection sites shall be defined as medical facilities that allow
4 individuals to inject in a clean environment under supervision of medical
5 professionals; they also provide clean needles in order to prevent the
6 spread of infectious disease.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
8 implementation and regulation of this legislation.

9 A. Safe Injection sites (as those already in place in many states) are a
10 secure environment, free from criminal prosecution.

11 B. The facility itself and all employees are legally sanctioned and exempt
12 from prosecution for having illicit drugs on the premises.

13 C. Upon passage of this legislation, each state will begin implementation
14 of no less than two safe injection sites by FY 2024.

15 D. DOH will maintain records to evaluate efficacy of rehabilitation efforts,
16 infectious disease reduction, and overdose reduction.

17 E. If legislation proves effective within five years of implementation, this
18 legislation allows for expansion to more locations.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect FY 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC Region 7.

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A Bill to Cap the Price of Medication to Democratize Access to Medical Treatment

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The price of medication is hereby capped at 400% of the production cost.

3 **SECTION 2.** Medication is defined as any drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration
4 (FDA). The price of drug research may be included in the production cost, with
5 the exception of any medication partially or fully funded by the government.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration within the department of Health and Human
7 Services will oversee and enforce this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill goes into effect December 31, 2022.

9 **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 Resolution to Establish a Regulatory System to Minimize the Risks of Cryptocurrency Transactions

1 **WHEREAS,** Digital asset trading platforms are now a \$2 trillion industry meaning
2 cryptocurrency businesses are getting big enough to have their problems
3 spill over into the broader financial system; and

4 **WHEREAS,** there is confusion about cryptocurrencies classification by U.S. regulatory
5 agencies and updates with former President Donald Trump's tax reform
6 law; and

7 **WHEREAS,** As the availability and adoption of cryptocurrencies increase concerns
8 regarding illicit actors utilizing this capability to move funds through the
9 international arena have the potential to find their way into the
10 legitimate international financial system through cryptocurrency
11 exchange platforms and other laundering techniques; now, therefore be
12 it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation for solution to establish transparency regarding
15 cryptocurrency by establishing a foundational regulatory system for
16 cryptocurrency in the United States.



A Bill to Extend Title IX to Include Equal Funding for Athletic Programs, Not Just Equal Opportunity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title IX will now be read as “On the basis of sex, every educational
3 institution in the United States that receives federal funding will require
4 equal expenditure of funds for athletic programs as well as not allow any
5 person to be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or
6 be subjected to discrimination in said programs.”

7 **SECTION 2.** Equal funding refers to equal allocation of funds to all programs based on
8 the ratio of male to female athletes, instead of just providing equal
9 opportunities for all people to play a sport.

10 **SECTION 3.** The institutions that receive federal funding include public schools, local
11 and state educational agencies, charter schools, for-profit schools,
12 libraries, vocational rehabilitation agencies, and education agencies of 50
13 states, the District of Columbia, and territories of the United States. The
14 U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights will enforce this as
15 they have since Title IX was introduced.

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

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



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.