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A Bill to Increase Teacher Salaries Nationwide

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All school districts in the United States shall aptly pay their teachers in
3 order to increase teacher retention across the country.

4 **SECTION 2.** School districts shall set a minimum wage of \$60,000 with the aid of
5 federal funding to ensure school districts aren't economically affected.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the legislation of this bill
7 and enforce its institution.

8 A. School districts found guilty of paying under the minimum wage
9 despite having ample resources can be fined as the USDE sees fit.

10 B. State governments will be given federal funds to ensure they can
11 suitably monitor proceedings in state schools.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2024 in line with the start of
13 the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Liberty Hill High School.



A Bill to Bolster America’s Defense of European Nations (B.A.D.E.N.) Act of 2024

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Recognizing the need to strengthen NATO’s Eastern Flank, The United States shall hereby establish a program to construct new military bases in certain Eastern European partner nations. The U.S. shall deploy an additional 25,000 troops to Eastern Europe, which will be integrated into existing US and NATO forces.

SECTION 2.

A. “Military Bases” are hereby defined as permanent facilities built to house U.S. troops and military equipment for at least 1 year. This can include airfields, barracks, garrisons, and other infrastructure.

B. “Certain Eastern European Partner Nations” are Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill. The U.S. Department of State will work with partner nations to coordinate the construction of bases on foreign soil. If partner governments refuse the construction of American bases, no action will be taken. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will estimate the costs of constructing new bases and shall report these costs to Congress by the beginning of FY 2025. These costs will be met through future National Defense Authorization Acts.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on May 9, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by L.C. Anderson High School.

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A Bill to Modernize Employment Requirements

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The parameters required for states to receive block grants under TANF
3 and SNAP will be altered to remove work requirements.

4 **SECTION 2.** TANF shall be defined as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, passed
5 under the 104th Congress. SNAP shall be defined as the Supplemental
6 Nutrition Assistance Program, passed under the 113th Congress. Work
7 requirements will be defined as activity in an employment related
8 program as defined by the states.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of
10 Agriculture shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

11 A. The Secretary of HHS shall no longer require documentation of state-
12 enforced work requirements to determine a state eligible for TANF
13 grants.

14 B. The Secretary of the USDA shall end any state-based work
15 requirement pilot projects.

16 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation Oct 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School.

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A Bill to Develop Desalination Plants in the Southwest United States to Combat Water Insecurity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reduce financial barriers to the research and development of
3 new Desalination facilities and technologies, localizing efforts to the Southwest U.S.

4 **SECTION 2.** Southwest United States shall include the Southwestern States of California and Texas
5 considering their proximity to the sea and their lack of freshwater security.

6 Desalination facilities that use chemical and physical processes to reduce/recover salt
7 concentration from water supplies.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Department of Urban Development will
9 collaborate in the enforcement of Desalination efforts alongside state governments.

10 A. The U.S. federal government will provide a \$20 billion categorical grant to the
11 state governments of Texas and California per year for 5 years.

12 B. The U.S. Executive Department will create production and management
13 guidelines that state governments must follow in order to continue receiving
14 funding. If the state governments fail to meet quotas of growth set by the U.S.
15 Executive Departments, they will stop receiving funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall be implemented at the beginning of the next year fiscal year after the bill is
17 passed, and the bill will expire after the 5th fiscal year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Cedar Park High School.

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A Bill to Require Mental Health Professionals on High School Campuses

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

2 **SECTION 1.** High schools shall be required to have at least one licensed mental health
3 professional on campus at all times during regular school hours.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Licensed Mental Health Professional" refers to an individual with appropriate
5 credentials, such as a licensed counselor, licensed social worker, licensed
6 psychologist, or licensed psychiatrist, who is qualified to provide mental health
7 support and services to students.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education, in collaboration with state and local education
9 authorities, shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure compliance.

10 A. The Department of Education shall provide guidelines for the
11 responsibilities of mental health professionals on school campuses.

12 B. Funding shall be allocated to support the hiring and training of mental
13 health professionals, as needed.

14 C. A waiver system will be implemented for school districts that are unable to
15 accommodate this new law, and advisors available to assist in the
16 implementation process.

17 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of this requirement shall be completed within one academic
18 year of the passage of this bill.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lexington High School.

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A Resolution to Ship Fifth Generation Fighters to Bolster the New Asian Trilateral Defense Alliance

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The People’s Republic of China is encroaching on the territorial jurisdictions and
2 international jurisdictions of nations by the Pacific and South China Sea, often through
3 military intimidation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** American Trilateral defense allies, the Republic of Korea and the State of Japan, are
5 militarily unprepared for responding to and deterring the military provocations of
6 China; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States can show its loyalty towards its new partners in the Trilateral
8 Defense alliance, can bring friendliness to the strained relations between the State of
9 Japan and The Republic of South Korea, and can display its power projection
10 capabilities; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The People’s Republic of China, The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and the
12 Russian Federation are currently able to undermine and invalidate international law
13 of the sea and skies; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
15 sending 100 F-35s to the State of Japan and Republic of Korea, with the ratios of F-
16 35As, F-35Bs, and F-35Cs decided by the executive, with proportion of how many F-
17 35s sent to each country decided by the executive and 20 billion sent in total auxiliary
18 use, be it fighter accessories, ammunition, maintenance, air base construction, etc.,
19 over the course of 5 years beginning in the fiscal year after this resolution is passed.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Cedar Park High School.

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A Bill to Create a National ID Card

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Each citizen will be given a national identification card with their social
3 security number and picture that can be used for any process requiring
4 identification.

5 **SECTION 2.** U.S. Citizens will be defined as those who meet federal definitions.
6 Identification card will meet all requirements for identification that have
7 state or federal purposes.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will identify those meeting the
9 criteria. State agencies will process the application for the identification
10 and will be sent to those qualifying free of charge. States will have to
11 recognize the identification card for instances if they meet the criteria for
12 voting, driving or owning firearms. The social security administration will
13 recognize the card for any social security, Medicare or Medicaid services.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect March 1, 2024. It will be accepted ID for the
15 2024 elections.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School

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A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Semiautomatic Assault Weapons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale, manufacture, and purchase of semiautomatic weapons will be
3 prohibited for U.S. citizens and U.S companies, with the exception of
4 owned assault weapons lawfully possessed on the date of the bill's
5 enactment and weapons owned by military and law enforcement.

6 **SECTION 2.** A semiautomatic assault weapon is defined as a self-loading firearm
7 capable of automatically loading cartridges into its chamber and ejecting
8 shots with the activation of a trigger.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will oversee the
10 enforcement of this bill.

11 A. Any found unlawfully owning a semiautomatic assault weapon following the
12 enactment of this bill shall be subject to imprisonment up to one year.

13 B. Manufacturing, importing, distributing, or selling semiautomatic assault
14 weapons will be considered a felony punishable by 3 to 8 years in a state
15 prison.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take place on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Liberty Hill High School.

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A Bill to Expand the FDA Food Traceability List to include Specific Meat and Dairy Products

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will add specific meat and dairy products to the current FDA Food Traceability
3 List (FTL) in accordance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and 21 CFR 1.1315,
4 thus requiring producers and the supply chain to commit to accurate recordkeeping,
5 transparency and increased safety for the consumer.

6 **SECTION 2.** Terms to be defined:

7 **A.** Specific Meat and Dairy products: Wholesale Milk, Beef carcass, and Poultry carcass
8 Production.

9 **B.** Producers: People or companies that raise or grow agriculture products for
10 consumption, typically animal or crop production.

11 **C.** Traceability Requirement changes for live animals: Adding accurate records of
12 where the animal comes from, with digital informational records following the
13 animal/product in all stops of the supply chain.

14 **D.** 21 CFR 1.1315: Federal Regulations regarding the required traceability plans
15 producers and entire supply chain must have if they produce FTL items.

16 **SECTION 3.** The USDA and FDA will have joint control over the bill and will implement general best
17 practices and a specific plan for each state.

18 **A.** To enforce this bill, USDA inspectors can deny the sale of processed carcasses or
19 milk products if proper traceability records are not provided.

20 **SECTION 4.** Immediately following passage, enforcement will be effective on 1/1/2028. Industry-
21 wide changes, proper funding allocations, and training USDA inspectors will take place
22 within four years to allow a smooth transition from current market standards.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Fayetteville Independent School District.

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A Resolution to Establish Safeguarding Partners as a Supplemental Remedy to Child Protective Services

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Child Protective Services (CPS) use loose-fitting state-level terminology that
2 allows caseworkers to make wavering, often intuitive risk-calculus; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 1 in 3 US children will be involved in a child welfare investigation by 18, and
4 more than 80% of those cases typically reveal no abuse; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** investigations, while often brief, can result in familial discord and trauma that
6 magnifies the risk of later childhood maltreatment; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** black, indigenous, and impoverished families are disproportionately targeted as
8 a result of predetermined biases and poorly contextualized legal standards; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** reporting grievances requires navigating layers of bureaucracy, often impeded by
10 financial iniquity and preexisting circumstances that instigated the investigation;
11 now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
13 the establishment of county-level Safeguarding Partners consisting of 3 key
14 organizations; local authorities, local boards of health (LBoH), and local police
15 officials, to act as overseers and local developers of caseworker training, legal
16 definitions, and local child welfare to eliminate vagueness and reduce
17 misconduct within CPS; and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Safeguarding Partners operate in conjunction with Child Welfare Services,
19 not as a functional replacement.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Wimberley High School.

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Climate Action Through Tangibly Limiting Emissions (C.A.T.T.L.E.) Act of 2024

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will phase out all subsidies for meat and dairy production over the next 10 years, beginning in FY 2025. All subsidies for meat and dairy production will be redirected to reduce the cost of and expand access to plant-based meat and dairy substitutes.

SECTION 2. Plant-based meat and dairy substitutes will be defined as food made from plants that is designed to mimic or imitate animal meat and dairy products.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the implementation of this legislation, in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure the purity and safety of plant-based meat and dairy products.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by LC Anderson High School.

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A Resolution to Phase Out Asphalt and Establish Sustainable Alternatives to Combat Urban Heat Islands

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The widespread use of asphalt in urban areas is contributing to the formation of heat
2 islands, exacerbating rising temperatures, and negatively impacting the quality of life for
3 city residents; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Asphalt, with its heat-absorbing properties, leads to increased temperatures in densely
5 populated areas, contributing to heat related illnesses, increased energy consumption
6 for cooling, and environmental degradation; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The detrimental effects of asphalt on urban environments necessitate the development
8 of sustainable alternatives that mitigate the urban heat island effect, reduce energy
9 consumption, and enhance overall livability; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled calls upon the Environmental Protection Agency,
11 in consultation with experts and in collaboration with relevant federal, state, and local
12 agencies, shall develop a plan to phase out asphalt in urban infrastructure and promote
13 sustainable alternatives, considering cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits; and,
14 be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That annual progress reports and updates on the phase-out of asphalt and the
16 adoption of sustainable alternatives shall be provided to Congress by the Environmental
17 Protection Agency, allowing for ongoing oversight and evaluation of the initiative's
18 effectiveness.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lake Travis High School.

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A Bill to Defend Against Existential Threats to Eastern Republics (D.E.T.E.R.) Act of 2023

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Recognizing the growing threat to Taiwan’s security,

3 A. The United States shall hereby establish military bases in Taiwan.

4 B. The United States shall deploy 5,000 troops to Taiwan.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. “Military Bases” are hereby defined as permanent facilities built to house U.S. troops
7 and military equipment for sustained operations of at least one year.

8 B. This can include airfields, barracks, garrisons, navy bases, radar stations, and other
9 infrastructure.

10 C. “Taiwan” for the purposes of this bill encompasses the island of Taiwan and 167
11 outlying islands under the control of the Republic of China (ROC).

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

13 A. The U.S. Department of State shall draft a Status of Forces Agreement for ratification
14 by the U.S. Senate and the Taiwanese Legislative Yuan. If the agreement is not
15 mutually ratified within two (2) years, no action will be taken under this bill.

16 B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will estimate the costs of constructing and
17 operating new bases and shall report these costs to Congress by the beginning of FY
18 2025. These costs will be met through future National Defense Authorization Acts.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by L.C. Anderson High School.

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the students of our school and its subject matter is approved by school administration.*

A Resolution to Offer Birth Control at No Cost to Women to Increase Reproductive Agency

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Access to birth control gives women power over their own reproductive destiny by
2 preventing unplanned pregnancies; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Birth control is an important part of preventative healthcare, as it also regulates
4 hormones and can prevent ovarian and endometrial cancers; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Access to birth control helps women to plan pregnancies, which is essential to
6 their financial security, personal well-being and familial stability; and

7 **WHEREAS,** More than a third of all women in the United States have been unable to afford
8 birth control at some point in their life; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Not all employers provide low-cost birth control as part of their healthcare plans;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS,** There are currently no public or nonprofit providers of birth control at no cost to
12 women; and

13 **WHEREAS,** The Supreme Court’s overturn of *Roe v Wade* has made prevention of unwanted
14 pregnancy absolutely essential; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that birth control should be free for all women in
16 the United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School.

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A Bill to Redistribute Police Funding

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The budget for policing will be cut and police departments across the United
3 States will be defunded.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Defunding” in this case means reallocating or redirecting a certain amount of
5 funds away from the police department without removing all funding in its
6 entirety.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) will
8 oversee the enforcement and implementation of this bill in every state and
9 territory owned by the U.S. The current \$139 billion dollar policing budget shall be
10 reduced to \$104 billion.

11 A. This budget cut will be dispersed proportionally through police departments
12 across America.

13 B. The funds cut will be redirected toward other United States programs in need
14 of more financial support like Medicaid.

15 C. The issuance of any policing budget funds will be conditioned on completion of
16 an additional training program on racial profiling and bias by all officers on the
17 receiving force.

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.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lake Travis High School.

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A Resolution to Promote Pleistocene Rewilding on Government Land

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There is a pressing need to address biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems to
2 their natural balance; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Pleistocene rewilding, involving the reintroduction of key prehistoric species to
4 their historic habitats, has shown promise in restoring ecological health; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The rewilding of megafauna, such as mammoths and saber-toothed cats and
6 their modern equivalents, can help control vegetation and improve habitat
7 diversity; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Pleistocene rewilding can promote ecotourism, create jobs, and stimulate
9 economic growth in regions where it is implemented; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Successful pilot projects of Pleistocene rewilding have demonstrated positive
11 ecological impacts, including increased plant diversity and healthier ecosystems;
12 and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Government-owned lands provide suitable opportunities for large-scale
14 Pleistocene rewilding initiatives; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
16 Pleistocene rewilding projects on government-owned lands as a means to
17 restore ecosystems and promote biodiversity; and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these initiatives be conducted in close collaboration with
19 environmental experts and stakeholders, ensuring responsible management and
20 monitoring of rewilded areas.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lexington High School.

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