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A Resolution to Require Car Manufactures to Equip New Vehicles with Speed Regulators That Engage When Seatbelts Are Not Connected

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that seat
2 belts are responsible for nearly 375,000 lives saved since record-keeping
3 began in 1975; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 27,000 people die yearly in vehicular accidents due to
5 being unsecured by seat belts; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Many accidental deaths and personal injuries could be prevented by car
7 manufacturing companies installing speed-regulation devices that require
8 seat belts to be engaged; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The use of such devices would require 100% seatbelt compliance (any/all
10 passengers in the vehicle), or the vehicle could not reach speeds over
11 20mph; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation for requiring manufacturing of seat belt engagement
14 devices.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by McMullen County High School.

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A Bill to Ban Child Marriage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall prohibit the marriage of a
3 minor in any circumstance, but specifically in the case of an adult
4 marrying a minor child.

5 **SECTION 2.** A minor is defined as an individual under the age of 18; therefore child
6 marriage is defined as a marriage that includes at least one minor.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Judiciary Branch of the U.S. government shall oversee the
8 enforcement of this bill, providing resources to local law enforcement.

9 A. An individual will be charged with a felony offense which carries a
10 prison sentence of up to five years and a fine of up to \$50,000 in
11 response to a violation of this bill.

12 B. All marriages that include a minor will be annulled upon passage.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Three Rivers High School.

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A Resolution to Implement Bounties to Minimize the Impact of Invasive Species.

1 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of invasive species introduced to new ecosystems around the
2 world are causing more than \$423 billion in estimated losses to the global
3 economy every year by harming nature, damaging food systems and
4 threatening human health; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Invasive species are accountable for unemployment, damaged goods and
6 equipment, power failures, environmental degradation, increased rates
7 and severity of natural disasters, disease epidemics, and even lost lives.

8 The United States alone spends \$137 billion annually to contend with
9 them; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Invasive nonnative species were a major factor in 60 percent of recorded
11 extinctions of plants and animals. Additionally, as many as one million
12 plant and animal species are at risk of extinction; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation for solution to establish bounty programs in order to
15 eradicate the threat of invasive species.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Banquete High School.

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



A Resolution to Ratify the Universal School Meals Program of 2021

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently nearly 100,000 schools and institutions serve school lunches to
2 29.6 million students each day; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Over 50% of school students are eligible for the Free or Reduced lunch
4 program; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** 30.4 million students are unable to afford their school lunch with the
6 average meal debt of \$180.60 annually; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** One in eight children live in household without consistent access to
8 adequate food; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Only nine states have passed legislation to ensure that school children
10 are able to have free breakfast and lunches; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** State test scores increase by 40% for schools where students are given
12 free or reduced lunch; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Obesity in school children has increased from 22% to 30% in a span of
14 two years; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** The Department of Agriculture has \$15 billion annually to use at the
16 discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled to ratify the Universal School
18 Meals Program of 2021.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sinton High School.

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A Bill to Allow Abortions in Emergency Situations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will implement abortion as a medical
3 service utilized for high-risk pregnancies.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States government will implement abortion as a life saving
5 measure for pregnancies that may pose a potential hazard to the mother
6 or child during the birthing process.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will only give
8 abortions if the following applies:

9 A. If the obstetrician believes the mother's physical health is at risk due
10 to the pregnancy.

11 B. The mother consents to an abortion.

12 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will begin January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Flour Bluff High School.

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A Bill to Prohibit Any President of The United States from Suspending, Denouncing, or Withdrawing from NATO Without Senate Approval Following an Act of Congress

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any President of the United States shall be prohibited from suspending,
3 denouncing, or withdrawing the United States membership from NATO
4 without congressional approval, as NATO is an essential military alliance.

5 **SECTION 2.** An Act of Congress will be defined as a statute enacted by the United
6 States Congress that passes through both the House and Senate.

7 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives and Senate along with the United States
8 Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 20, 2024 at the start of the 2024
10 presidential term.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by McMullen County High School.

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A Bill to Make American Sign Language the Universal Language to Learn in Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will enact a plan to require
3 students to learn American sign language, or ASL, as a core class in the
4 American education system.

5 **SECTION 2.** American sign language is defined by the Oxford dictionary as a system of
6 communication using visual gestures and signs, as used by deaf people.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee this bill and place sign
8 language into the country-wide school curriculum or American
9 curriculum.

10 A. Failure to implement this curriculum will result in a fine of \$50,000 for
11 the school.

12 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of law will occur on or before September 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Three Rivers High School.

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A Resolution to Cap the N-400 Application of Naturalization Fee to \$300 to Make it More Affordable for Immigrants



A Resolution to Increase Job Training Programs at Correctional Facilities to Prevent Recidivism

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In the United States approximately 44% of criminals released return to
2 prison within their first year out; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Over 60% of people who have been incarcerated are unable to find
4 employment after their release; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Inmates who participated in vocational job training programs are 34%
6 more likely to get hired; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** 33% of inmates do not receive job training because of the lack of
8 resources and training programs; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Inmates that earn their GED and receive job training earn significantly
10 more than those who do not have those programs available to them; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Human Resource professionals who have hired people with criminal
12 histories think that their quality of work is as high or higher than the work
13 of employees who do not have a criminal record; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that additional funding and
15 resources will be used to create a more efficient job training programs for
16 people in correctional facilities and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That employers who keep former inmates as employees for at
18 least 12 months will be given a tax credit for each additional year that
19 they employ the individuals for at least 20+ hours per week.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sinton High School.

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A Bill to Return Indigenous Artifacts

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Given that the U.S. has allowed the repeated theft of culturally significant
3 items from many Indigenous American nations, this Congress will return
4 all culturally significant articles and artifacts from public museums and
5 collections to their groups of origin.

6 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Department of the Interior in cooperation with the Bureau of
7 Indian Affairs will oversee the identifying and transport of said artifacts to
8 their proper homes.

9 A. Unidentified items will remain in their collections until identification
10 can be verified.

11 B. Owners may leave the artifacts in the museums and collections
12 indefinitely if they wish.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by W.B. Ray High School.

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A Bill to Abolish the Privatization of Federal Park Lands

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall not release the ownership and control of
3 any Federal Park Lands.

4 **SECTION 2.** Federal Park Lands encompass National Parks, National Wilderness Areas,
5 National Wildlife Refuges, Military Reservations, and Public Domain lands
6 owned or administered by the U.S. Federal Government and the United
7 State Parks Service.

8 **SECTION 3.** The National Park System will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** The bill will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by McMullen County High School.

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A Bill to Prohibit Online Sales from any China-based Fast Fashion Merchandising Company

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The trend of cheap online sales from China based companies has created
3 not only a trade deficit but also fraud, delayed goods, and the swindling
4 of the American consumer. This bill will eliminate the sales of any and all
5 China-based fast fashion merchandise.

6 **SECTION 2.** Companies like Romwe, Shein, Zolucky, Zaful, Beachside Bunny, and
7 others that focus on online fast fashion apparel sales will be prohibited
8 from the American market. Fast fashion is the quick turn-around and
9 copying of high fashion trends, typically marketed through social media
10 and produced in China.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will be the agent of action, overseeing the
12 implementation of the law. They will work with internet providers and
13 online retailers to block the sales from these companies.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

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A Resolution to Make All School Meals Free, Regardless of Eligibility

1 **WHEREAS,** During the pandemic, free school lunches were broadly extended for the
2 year, and provided to most schools and students; this policy ended in July
3 of 2023.

4 **WHEREAS,** In 2019, over 20 million students received free lunches, 1.7 million
5 students received a discounted price for their lunch, and 7.7 million had
6 to pay full price for the meal; and

7 **WHEREAS,** In the same year, 15 million students received free breakfast, 1 million
8 paid "reduced-price", at no more than 30 cents for the breakfast, and 2.2
9 million paid full price; and

10 **WHEREAS,** With over 10 million paying full price for the meal, and almost 3 million
11 being charged a reduced price, eliminating this cost is not only essential,
12 but feasible. Millions of students rely on the public school system for two
13 of their three meals a day, and this number is growing rapidly; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
16 recommendation for solution to make all school meals free.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Banquette High School.

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A Resolution to Regulate Privately Owned or For-Profit Youth Mental Health Facilities in the United States



A Bill to Fund the Development of the Lithium-Ion Battery Industry

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will increase the Department of Energy's budget by 10%, or
3 about \$15 billion dollars. That budget increase will be allocated to the
4 research and development of lithium-ion batteries, with the intention of
5 providing a cleaner and more reliable source of power.

6 **SECTION 2.** Lithium-ion batteries may be defined as rechargeable batteries which use
7 lithium ions to store energy.

8 **SECTION 3.** This UIL Congress shall oversee the re-budgeting and the Department of
9 Energy shall be responsible for the organization of lithium-ion research
10 and development.

11 A. Lithium-ion batteries may be developed by grants to private
12 companies and/or by government research at the discretion of the
13 Department of Energy.

14 B. In all areas of fabrication, future production methods will adapt to
15 new battery chemistries and technologies.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 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 W.B. Ray High School.

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A Resolution to Support the United States' Involvement and Funding of Ukraine Defense against Russia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia has attacked Ukraine without being provoked; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine is a sovereign independent country separate from Russia and a member
- 3 of the United Nations (UN) requesting support against the invasion; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Ukraine and other Eastern European countries do not have the resources and
- 5 power to defend themselves against a country like Russia; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** If the United States does not support Ukraine along with the Western European
- 7 countries in this war, Russia will continue to try to resort to more invasions for
- 8 expansion of other Eastern European countries, resulting in complete chaos in
- 9 Europe; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
- 11 commit to fully support Ukraine and Eastern European countries as long as
- 12 necessary to keep Russia from taking over other independent countries.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by London High School.

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A Bill to Eliminate Section 230 from the Communications Decency Act to Prevent Illegal and Indecent Activity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act will be removed entirely.

3 The language and nature of Section 230 sought to protect the rights of
4 internet content providers and increase innovative competition among the
5 growing industry of the online space. Now, it allows for illegal activity to
6 flourish under internet publishers, with no method to prosecute or eliminate
7 the content.

8 **SECTION 2.** Section 230 states that, "No provider or user of an interactive computer
9 service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information
10 provided by another information content provider". This section will be
11 eliminated completely.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

13 A. Online content providers will have to monitor and vet all information that
14 comes from their site, otherwise they face repercussions as if it were their
15 own words.

16 B. Sites that refuse to undergo this reform will be subject to the charges of
17 all illegal and indecent activity that comes from their online space.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately on February 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Banquete High School.

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A Resolution to Decrease the Rate of Overweight and Obese People to Improve the Health of U.S. Citizens at All Ages

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Over 33%, every third person of adults aged 18 years and older, have
2 obesity in the United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity in
4 children and adults increases the risk for the following health conditions
5 high blood pressure and high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, breathing
6 problems, such as asthma and sleep apnea, joint problems such as
7 osteoarthritis and musculoskeletal discomfort, gallstones and gallbladder
8 disease; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A low quality of life, caused by overweight and obesity, is deconstructive
10 for our population and decreases the life expectancy; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The productivity of obese workers is lower than that of workers who are
12 more fit; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Overweight and obesity support the evidence of getting many types of
14 cancer; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** The prevalence of childhood obesity from 2017 to 2020 was 19.7% and
16 affected about 14.7 million children and adolescents, it is important to
17 prevent obesity as an adult to guarantee a healthy future for our country;
18 now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled support any future legislation in
20 the following areas: taxing added sugars in food, prohibiting
21 advertisements about sweets, salty pastries, and so-called “fast food,”
22 and guaranteeing that every child will have mandatory sports activities
23 per week.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by London High School.

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