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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Add a Maximum Age of 70 for U.S. Presidents at Time of Inauguration

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

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

8 **ARTICLE 1**

9 **SECTION 1:** No candidate who will be over the age of 70 on the date of their potential
10 inauguration will be allowed to run for the office of U.S. President.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Karnes City High School.

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A Resolution to Allocate More Funding Towards Telemedicine

1 **WHEREAS,** Citizens living in rural areas experience a plethora of restrictions when it
2 comes to the quality and types of healthcare available to them; and

3 **WHEREAS,** These restrictions can be life-threatening at times and overall impede on
4 the quality of healthcare to which all Americans should have access.

5 Restrictions include, but are not limited to, geographical distance from
6 specialists, minimal public transportation, and the current healthcare
7 worker shortage that is prevalent in rural communities; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Telemedicine has proven to be an effective solution to the problems in
9 rural areas, however funding is spotty and currently at risk. By allocating
10 more funding towards telemedicine, we will be providing a system that
11 maintains a good quality of life for our citizens; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled allocates more funding towards
13 telemedicine in order to protect the systems that protect our citizens.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.

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A Resolution to Require Public Schools to Conduct Behavioral Threat Assessments

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

2 **WHEREAS,** School violence continues to be a problem across our nation and such acts are
3 usually planned; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Prior to many attacks, staff members and students observed behaviors or knew
5 the attack would occur; and

6 **WHEREAS,** So far in 2023, there have been 198 shooting incidents at K-12
7 schools, six of which involved active shooters; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that state and local governments should
9 require public schools to conduct behavioral threat assessment and collect
10 relevant data on its efficacy, including training on behavioral threat assessment
11 and establishing a behavioral threat assessment process.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Kenedy High School.

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A Bill to Prohibit the Death Penalty

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Capital punishment shall be prohibited and replaced with a sentence of
3 life without parole for current and future prisoners sentenced to death.

4 **SECTION 2.** Capital Punishments shall be defined as the process of sentencing
5 convicted offenders to death for the most serious crimes (capital crimes)
6 and carrying out that sentence. The specific offenses and circumstances
7 that determine if a crime is eligible for a death sentence are defined by
8 statute and are prescribed by Congress or any state legislature. Life
9 without parole shall be defined as the incarceration of convicts for their
10 natural lives without the possibility of release on parole.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and District Attorney Offices will be
12 responsible for carrying out this prohibition of death penalty sentencing.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted by January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bay City High School.

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A Bill to Force the United States Federal Government to Maintain a Balanced Budget

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government must maintain a balanced budget each fiscal
3 year. The means for which to do so are not specified.

4 **SECTION 2.** Balanced budget will be defined as expenses not exceeding income in
5 each fiscal year.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Treasury.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect is the 2025 fiscal year

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Victoria East High School.

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A Bill to Issue Rehabilitation for Non-Violent Convicted Drug Users

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Rehabilitation shall be mandatory of non-violent drug users and possessors
3 through conviction of the court.

4 **SECTION 2.** Persons who are diagnosed as being habitually addicted to drugs by a licensed
5 physician but who are otherwise free of criminal activity shall be remanded by a
6 court to a federal or state licensed rehabilitation facility; an offender under this
7 category shall be permitted to be admitted to rehabilitation no more than three
8 times. Out of eligibility will result in punishable jail time.

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

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Louise High School.

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A Bill to Ban Anti Homeless Hostile Architecture in Order to Create a More Humane Public

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any architecture with the purpose of inhibiting public behavior by
3 humans or endangering animals will be removed and construction halted
4 permanently.

5 **SECTION 2.** Hostile architecture shall be defined as architecture within a public space,
6 or privately owned public space, in which the architecture prohibits
7 public behavior. Public behavior shall be defined as any behavior that a
8 person could perform in public without any special devices or
9 interventions.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the General Services Administration (GSA)
11 A. The GSA shall create a federal guideline for architectural standards
12 for public and privately owned public spaces.
13 B. States will create a committee responsible for inspecting public and
14 privately owned public spaces. This committee will submit an annual
15 report to the GSA detailing the contractor that is responsible for the
16 construction of any architecture that does not meet the standards set
17 by the GSA.
18 C. Any contractor found to be in violation of the standards set by the
19 GSA will have 5 years to correct any and all violations. If standards are
20 not met within the 5-year timeframe, the responsible party will have
21 their construction license suspended indefinitely.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.

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A Bill to Allow Prison Inmates to Enroll in Medical Trials for Improved State of Living While Incarcerated

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

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. Federal Prisoners serving long term sentences will be allowed to
3 apply for medical trials to improve their state of living while incarcerated.

4 **SECTION 2.** Long term sentences will be defined as a prison sentence of twenty years
5 or longer. Medical trials will be defined as a series of procedures to test
6 medicines, vaccines, or medical devices that are in development to
7 determine effectiveness and safety.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Prisons will oversee the
9 enforcement of this bill and provide legal guidance to the prison system
10 to ensure the rights of inmates who participate.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Karnes City High School.

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A Bill to Provide Housing and Medical Care for Physically Discharged Veterans

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will provide housing and medical care for physically discharged
3 veterans who are not able to stay employed because of their disabilities.

4 **SECTION 2.** Physically discharged veterans will be defined as a veteran with a physical
5 and/or psychological disorder that interferes significantly with an
6 individual's fitness for duty while in the military.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Veterans Affairs will oversee implementation of this
8 bill.

9 A. Every 6-8 months a check-in by a military officer will be completed.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Boling High School.

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A Bill to Prevent Biological Men From Playing in Women's Sports

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Biological men will be prohibited from participating in any women's
3 sports nationwide.

4 **SECTION 2.** Biological men should be defined as a person born with XY chromosomes.

5 A woman should be defined as a person born with XX chromosomes.

6 Women's sports include high school sports, national sports, and college
7 sports.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Civil Rights will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 A. Those who fail to follow this law will be banned from all sports
10 permanently.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by October 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Boling High School.

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A Bill to Support the Development of Nuclear Power Technologies to Reduce U.S. use of Fossil Fuels

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will provide tax subsidies to aid
3 the building of Nuclear Power Plants and research of nuclear energy
4 technologies.

5 **SECTION 2.** A “nuclear power plant” shall be defined as a thermal power station that
6 uses a nuclear reactor as a heat source and produces a significant amount
7 of power for the grid.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will oversee the implementation
9 of the bill.

10 A. Any nuclear energy company can request tax subsidies at the start of
11 construction of the reactor. Every month the construction site will be
12 checked to ensure that everything is up to code.

13 B. Nuclear energy research facilities will be able to request subsidies in
14 order to assist funding research that will possibly increase the
15 efficiency and decrease the cost of nuclear energy production.

16 C. Upon receiving tax subsidies Nuclear energy companies will receive a
17 10% tax cut.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect the fiscal year of 2024 and last until
19 2044.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bay City High School.

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A Bill to Allow State and Federal Prisoners the Option to Exchange Their Current Punishment with the Death Penalty

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All state and federal prisoners in the United States serving sentences over
3 25 years will be allowed to exchange their sentence for the death
4 penalty.

5 **SECTION 2.** The death penalty is defined as the execution of a prisoner by means of
6 lethal injection.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of the
8 bill and enforce all guidelines.

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

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

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A Resolution to Abolish the Electoral College

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The electoral college is an outdated system that currently hinders
2 democracy at its purest form; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The electoral college is known to produce more skewed results than the
4 more practical popular vote. Such irregular results can be seen through
5 various Presidential elections, where one candidate won the popular
6 vote, yet lost in the electoral college, thus losing the presidency.
7 Furthermore, several large states have a “winner takes all system in
8 place”, where whoever wins the popular vote in the state wins the
9 entirety of the state’s electoral votes, with thousands of votes
10 continuously going unheard; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Upholding the current system harms voters as campaign topics aren’t
12 equally distributed throughout states, with different candidates typically
13 prioritizing swing states and neglecting larger states. Furthermore,
14 thousands of votes are typically disregarded in “winner takes all states”,
15 ignoring voter voices; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** The current status quo harms the sanctity of democracy, and thus must
17 be abolished; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled passes a constitutional amendment to
19 abolish the Electoral college.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.

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A Bill to Create National Mental Health Guidelines for Public Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will create general mental health guidelines for public schools to
3 assess student and campus well-being.

4 **SECTION 2.** Guidelines shall be based on actions and treatments based on proven
5 methodology through an ongoing collaboration of mental health experts
6 whose goal is to lower anxiety, mental stress and/or potential psychoses
7 for students. The purpose of the guidelines is to identify early signs of
8 mental issues, provide action strategies, and outline referral steps to
9 professional help.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee the effective
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources shall develop
13 an age-appropriate threshold for mental stress.

14 B. The U.S. Department of Education shall develop guidelines for age-
15 appropriate mental health strategies.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be in effect for the 2025 school year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Louise High School.

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A Bill to Remove “Under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill would remove the phrase “Under God” from the Pledge of
3 Allegiance.

4 **SECTION 2.** “God” will be defined as the creator and ruler of the universe and source
5 of moral authority; the supreme being in the eyes of the Christian faith.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Commission of International Religious Freedom will oversee the
7 enforcement of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Serialize Ghost Guns

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall regulate ghost guns by requiring a serial number.

3 **SECTION 2.** Regulate means to control or maintain. Ghost guns are unregulated
4 firearms that anyone can purchase without a background check and
5 license. A serial number is a number used to identify products.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) shall oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. Ghost guns ought to be regulated by using serial codes on newer
9 models.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by January 25, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Boling High School.

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A Bill to Incentivize Congress to Collaborate When Under the Threat of a Government Shutdown

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In the event of a government shutdown, members of Congress will no
3 longer receive payment, and the subsidies on 72% of their health
4 insurance premium will be halted until further notice. Additionally, once
5 members of Congress complete their term, they will no longer be allowed
6 to run for re-election after the government resumes action.

7 **SECTION 2.** A government shutdown shall be defined as the ceasing of any non-
8 essential functions of federal agencies.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury of the United States and individual states will oversee the
10 enforcement of the bill.

11 A. The Treasury of the United States will halt all salary payments for
12 services for members of congress as well as the 72% subsidies toward
13 health insurance premiums until action resumes.

14 B. The secretary of state for each state, or the state equivalent in states
15 without secretaries of state, will remove any current members of
16 congress from any future ballots.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.

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A Bill to Grant Tax Cuts to Companies That Package Their Product in Post-Consumer Recycled Packaging to Promote Eco-Friendly Practices

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will offer a 15% corporate income tax cut to
3 companies that package their product in at least 80% post-consumer
4 recycled packaging to promote sustainability and environmental
5 conservation.

6 **SECTION 2.** Post-consumer recycled packaging will be defined as material that is
7 made from the items that consumers recycle every day such as
8 aluminum, cardboard, paper, and plastic.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, and
10 the Department of Commerce will be jointly responsible for the
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 A. The EPA will create a program to ensure that companies that
13 manufacture post-consumer recycled packaging are receiving the
14 necessary post-consumer materials to do so.

15 B. The IRS will be responsible for ensuring that qualifying companies
16 receive the 15% corporate income tax cut.

17 C. The Department of Commerce will provide oversight to companies
18 that claim to use post-consumer recycled packaging and are sourcing
19 it from the proper companies.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025 with a grace period
21 extending to March 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Campo High School.

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A Bill to Restrict the Sale of Military Grade Firearms to the General Public

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of Military grade firearms to the general public shall be illegal.

3 **SECTION 2.** Military grade firearms are any automatic or semi-automatic firearms
4 that can hold 10 rounds or more in a magazine and whose caliber is 5.56
5 mm or larger that are specifically produced for military use only. The
6 general public is anyone who is not enrolled in the military, the national
7 and various state guards, active law enforcement, or a licensed gun
8 collector.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall oversee
10 the sale of Military grade firearms through a national registry of buyers.

11 A. Buyers will submit to a background check.

12 B. Buyers may apply and purchase a gun collector license.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Louise High School.

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A Resolution to Amend the Military Selective Service Act of 1948 to Require Compulsory Selective Service Registration for Women to Promote Gender Inclusivity

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Military Selective Service Act of 1948, as currently written, only
2 requires compulsory selective service registration for men between the
3 ages of 18 and 26;
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Times have evolved since 1948, and the United States Armed Forces have
5 integrated women into various combat roles, demonstrating their
6 proficiency and dedication to serving their country.
- 7 **WHEREAS,** By only requiring men to register for the selective service, the United
8 States fail to recognize the contributions and capabilities of women in
9 national defense;
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The principle of gender equality is a fundamental pillar of American
11 democracy, and it is vital that our laws reflect this commitment to
12 fairness and inclusivity.
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled amend the Military Service Act of
14 1948 to require the compulsory selective service registration of both men
15 and women, aged 18 to 26, in accordance with their citizenship status.

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