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A Bill to Promote American Energy Independence

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall allocate federal grants to private energy
3 companies to support hydraulic fracturing (fracking) initiatives. These grants will be
4 designated to enhance energy production, stimulate economic growth, and reduce
5 dependency on foreign oil and gas sources.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Hydraulic fracturing," also known as fracking, is defined as the process of extracting
7 natural gas or oil from deep underground by injecting liquid at high pressure into
8 subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. The grants shall be distributed as financial
9 assistance to companies with current capabilities to expand their operations.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will be responsible for administering the grant
11 program in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that
12 all environmental regulations are adhered to.

- 13 A. The total funding for these grants will not exceed \$5 billion annually.
- 14 B. Companies receiving grants must adhere to strict environmental safety standards,
15 including water contamination prevention, seismic activity monitoring, and
16 greenhouse gas emission controls.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect January 1, 2027, with bi-annual reviews to assess
18 environmental and economic impacts of the grant.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Remove Direct Election of Presidential Electors

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 --**

9 **SECTION 1:** The Electoral College, and its electors, shall hereby be selected by each
10 state's legislative branch by a two thirds majority in each house (if
11 applicable).

12 **SECTION 2:** Each state's slate of electors must be confirmed by their legislative
13 branch at least 5 months before the meeting of the Electoral College to
14 elect the President.

15 **SECTION 3:** Valid electors will be vetted by the state legislature based on advanced
16 military rank, educational attainment, and service to the United States at
17 the state or federal level, whether appointed or elected.

18 **SECTION 4:** Elections for the electors for each state via the state's voter base shall
19 cease, and the regularly scheduled general election for President ended.

20 **SECTION 5:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
21 legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School.



A Bill to Limit Monopolies on Pharmaceutical Drugs to Lower Costs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Pharmaceutical companies shall be prohibited from being in control of
3 multiple patents on the one product to limit competition

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

5 A. Pharmaceutical Companies shall be defined as a commercial business that
6 researches, develops, manufactures, markets, and distributes drugs and
7 medicines for treating diseases.

8 B. Terminal Displacement shall be defined as making small menial changes to
9 drug structures in order to allow viability for a new patent protection.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC.) and United States Patent and
11 Trademark Office (USPTO) will oversee the implementation of this bill,
12 ensuring that pharmaceutical companies are only awarded one patent
13 per product by:

14 A. Terminating all current patent extension exception laws,

15 B. Eradicating terminal displacement,

16 C. Ensuring that the entire molecular structure is submitted for the first
17 patent.

18 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect on January 4, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate Spearman High School.



A Bill to Ban Hostile Architecture to Benefit America's Homeless

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This Congress finds that in reviewing the Martin V. Boise Ninth Court
3 decision brutal or hostile architecture is in violation of the Eighth
4 Amendment and thus, Congress will pass a law preventing the use of
5 hostile or brutal architecture by cities.

6 **SECTION 2.** Hostile Architecture means all architecture designed with the intent to
7 prevent homeless people from using the architecture for activities other
8 than its typical purpose.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Interior will instruct states and cities to
10 reconstruct or tear down architecture designed to exclude homeless
11 people from their usage.

12 A. The Department of Interior will have yearly random audits on cities
13 around the United States to check compliance.

14 B. Any city found in noncompliance will have their federal funding
15 reduced by 10% for the following 3 years or until compliance is met.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill once passed will go into effect January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Canyon High School.



A Bill to Test Drivers of Advanced Age to Improve Road Safety

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon reaching age 65, United States citizens with a valid United States driver's
3 license will be suspended until a driver's education test is retaken. This exam
4 would need to be completed every other year from then on.

5 **SECTION 2.** Drivers will be given a 60-day grace period to retake the driving portion of their
6 education exam before their license is completely voided. Drivers who do not
7 attempt to retake the driving portion of their past driver's education will be
8 required to completely retake a driver's education course to regain the ability to
9 apply for a valid United States driver's license.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will be responsible for the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. All citizens that turned 65 in the years before will have 90 days to renew
13 their license when it goes into effect

14 B. States who fail to implement will lose 15% of federal highway funding per
15 year increasing by 5% each year until implementation

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate Pampa High School.



A Bill to Create an Agency Dedicated to Control of Invasive Species

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A new agency will be established dedicated to the removal and/or elimination
3 of invasive species. Standards of regulations, elimination, and the affairs of
4 invasive species will also be established.

5 **SECTION 2.** The agency will also research the most efficient ways to eliminate or remove
6 invasive species. This includes but is not limited to Zebra Mussels, Asian Crab,
7 Bull Frogs, European Starling, Feral Hogs, and Nutria. Invasive species will be
8 defined as a non-native species plant, animal, or other organism that can or is
9 causing harm to its new environment. The invasive species targeted by this
10 agency will be defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will create the agency, Environmental Annihilation Agency,(EAA) to
12 ensue enforcement of this bill. This agency will be funded and supplied by the
13 Department of Defense (DoD).

14 A. The DoD will allocate money, weapons, and military personnel to this new
15 agency.

16 B. The first year of the EAA, \$1 billion from the DoD will be allocated to this
17 new agency then the following years 2% of DoD's annual budget and
18 recourses will be given to the EAA.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented in the next fiscal year after passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Spearman High School.



A Bill to Prohibit Online Risk Transactions to Encourage Reliability

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds the widespread addictive and financially ruinous aspects
3 of online sports betting regrettable and dangerous to our constituents,
4 therefore this Congress will direct the Federal Trade Commission to enact
5 a ban on online gambling apps and websites.

6 **SECTION 2.** Gambling apps and websites will be defined as applications and sites
7 visitable through the internet that allow gambling on sports leagues in
8 the United States. Apps that provide activities typically to be bet on, but
9 not providing an online mechanism by which to bet, are not covered
10 under the definition.

11 **SECTION 3.** The FTC will use its discretion, and the definition provided by section 2 of
12 this legislation to determine the apps and websites that must be banned.

13 A. The FTC will enforce bans by demanding app stores not provide the
14 ability to download, as well as demanding internet service providers
15 block the apps altogether.

16 B. The FTC may take action against companies whose app stores or
17 service providers do not follow guidelines through fines or other
18 regulatory means.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School.



A Bill to Amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 with Respect to Foreign Investments in United States Agriculture

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

2 **SECTION 1.** To amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to prohibit certain foreign
3 countries from purchasing or leasing property within 10 miles of sensitive
4 sites.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

6 A. Covered foreign country—China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia; and Any
7 entity controlled by or acting on behalf of a government described under
8 clause(i).

9 B. Sensitive Site—The term ‘sensitive site’ means public or private real estate
10 located in the United States that— (is located within, or functions as a part
11 of maritime port; is a United States Military installation; or another facility
12 or property of the United States Government that is sensitive for reasons
13 relating to national security, as defined by the Committee.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will work with the Secretary of Defense to
15 include information the disclosure of which to an entity controlled by a
16 foreign government is not in the national security interests of the United
17 States in order to regulate the act.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective immediately upon passing.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Farwell High School.

We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and its subject matter is approved by school administration.



A Bill to Ensure Employers Provide Paid Medical Leave

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This act shall ensure all employers that fall under the Family Medical Leave Act
3 bill will provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave at 65% of their wage. This plan will
4 give employees the chance to still provide for their families when physically
5 unable to work.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 is a United States labor law requiring
7 covered employers to provide employees with job-protected, unpaid leave for
8 qualified medical and family reasons. Department of Labor: The Department of
9 Labor fosters and promotes the welfare of job seekers, wage earners, and
10 retirees in the United States by improving their working conditions.

11 **SECTION 3.** This act will be overseen and enforced by the Department of Labor.

- 12 A. Failure to comply will result in:
- 13 B. 1st Offense: \$1000 dollar fine
- 14 C. 2nd Offense: \$5000 dollar fine
- 15 D. 3rd Offense: \$10000 dollar fine

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be put into law on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tulia High School.



A Resolution to Prevent the Unsafe Storage of Firearms Around Children

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Around 22 million children in the United States live in homes with guns
2 and approximately half of the parents in those homes wrongly believe
3 that their children don't have access to the guns; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Accidental shootings have led to the injury and death of large numbers of
5 Americans, including children; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** An unacceptable number of homes with children present have guns
7 and/or ammunition that are unlocked and/or loaded; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Safe storage of firearms and ammunition, including and especially
9 storage of guns unloaded, and locked in a different cabinet from
10 ammunition with keys that are not accessible to children could greatly
11 reduce the number gun injuries and deaths; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** State laws requiring background checks for all handgun sales—by point-
13 of-sale check and/or permit—are associated with lower firearm homicide
14 rates, lower firearm suicide rates, and lower firearm trafficking; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** It is time for Congress to act to address the epidemic of gun violence;
16 now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled require a mandatory home
18 inspection for any individual gun owner who is a parent or guardian of a
19 child under the age of 18 to ensure the existence in the home of
20 adequate and safe mechanisms for the storage of guns and ammunition.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.