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A Bill to Increase Voter Turnout in Elections

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall federally enact Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) and
3 make all current and formerly incarcerated felons eligible for voting
4 through absentee ballots.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) shall be defined as a system in
6 which eligible voters are automatically registered to vote in elections
7 through interaction with government agencies such as Departments of
8 Motor Vehicles (DMVs) Voters may choose to opt out of the system.

9 **B.** An absentee ballot shall be defined as a vote cast by an individual
10 unable to attend in person voting, usually through mail

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) as well as each state's DMVs shall
12 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by The Woodlands College Park High School.



A Bill to Protect Student Access to Non-harmful Information about Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Public High Schools to Promote Diversity and Equity

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will incentivize all non-harmful wifi/online censorship
3 regarding gender, sexuality, and race in Public High Schools to help
4 promote diversity and equity.

5 **SECTION 2.** The list of harmful topics about gender, sexuality, and race may include
6 but are not limited to, sexually explicit content, substance abuse, hate
7 speech, violence and gore, harassment and bullying, self-harm and
8 suicide, misinformation, illegal activities, and inappropriate language.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
10 bill.

11 A. The Department of Education will provide guidelines and support to
12 schools for the transition away from non-harmful censorship.

13 B. No more than 5% of taxpayer dollars will be given to states who
14 choose to implement this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on May 1st, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Porter High School.



A Bill to Require that Video Game Manufacturers Install Timers on Units to Limit Time Spent on Video Games

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All video game manufacturers will install built-in timers on their gaming
3 units to limit the time users can spend on video games.

4 **SECTION 2.** Video Games are defined as electronic or computerized games that are
5 played using devices such as consoles, computers, mobile devices, or any
6 other platforms that display visuals on a screen. These games are
7 interactive and involve a user interface or input device such as a joystick,
8 controller, keyboard, or touchscreen, enabling the player to control
9 characters, objects, or other elements within the game.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will oversee the enforcement of the
11 bill.

12 A. Video game manufacturers must certify compliance with the timer
13 installation requirement annually through a formal declaration
14 submitted to the FTC.

15 B. Non-compliant products will face a mandated recall at the
16 manufacturer's expense.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Buffalo High School.



A Resolution to Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
2 establishes a comprehensive framework for regulating the use of the
3 world's seas and oceans, including navigation rights, territorial waters,
4 and resource management; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States, as a major maritime power, has not yet ratified
6 UNCLOS despite its crucial role in protecting global maritime interests,
7 promoting environmental stewardship, and enhancing international
8 cooperation; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Ratifying UNCLOS would provide the United States with a legal
10 framework to assert its claims in international waters, particularly in the
11 Arctic, and to participate fully in international negotiations regarding
12 maritime disputes; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Ratification of UNCLOS would strengthen the United States' ability to
14 address critical issues such as illegal fishing, environmental degradation,
15 and freedom of navigation in strategic areas like the South China Sea; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** UNCLOS ratification has broad support from national security experts,
17 environmental groups, and industries reliant on international shipping;
18 now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls on the United States Federal
20 Government to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the
21 Sea (UNCLOS) in order to protect American maritime interests and
22 promote international cooperation on the world's oceans.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Caney Creek High School.



A Bill to Mandate Mental Health Education in Public High Schools to Promote Well-Being in Youth

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All public high schools will provide a mental health awareness class as a
3 requirement for high school graduation.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mental health awareness shall be defined as a deeper understanding of a
5 person's psychological and emotional well-being and will be addressed with the
6 goal of allowing students to safeguard their personal well-being, address
7 potential problems, notice warning signs, and help others to do the same. Each
8 state's educational agency will design a course curriculum, outlining course
9 requirements, including but not limited to understanding mental well-being,
10 recognizing symptoms of mental illness, coping mechanisms, and accessing
11 resources. Classes will be taught by educators with a background or training in
12 health and/or psychology.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will be responsible for approving curriculums
14 submitted by state educational agencies. Each state's educational agency will
15 be responsible for providing training to educators and determining graduation
16 requirements. Local school boards will be responsible for implementation of
17 the approved curricula.

18 **SECTION 4.** A mental health awareness class will be a requirement for all students
19 graduating in 2027 and beyond.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Montgomery Lake Creek 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 Mandate Women's Studies Courses in All Public High Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will mandate students to be
3 enrolled at least one women's studies course in order to graduate.

4 **SECTION 2.** Public High School will be defined as a high school funded by local, state,
5 and/or federal governments, or chartered institutions. Women's studies
6 courses will be defined as a course that examines how gender,
7 particularly female experiences, impact and are impacted by the world,
8 society, and culture.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be tasked with the implementation of
10 this bill.

11 A. The Department of Education will be given \$12 million to develop and
12 administer a Women's Studies curriculum to public school districts,
13 which includes feminist theory, women's history, and intersections
14 between gender and society.

15 B. Public high schools that fail to implement the curriculum will be fined
16 \$500,000 for every class cycle that the curriculum is not provided.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bellville High School.



A Bill to Allow Physician-Assisted Suicide for Inmates Sentenced to Death or Life Imprisonment

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Inmates who have been sentenced to death or life imprisonment without
3 the possibility of parole shall be given the option to voluntarily choose
4 physician-assisted suicide as an alternative to incarceration or execution.

5 **SECTION 2.** *Physician-assisted suicide:* A process where a licensed physician provides
6 the means for a person to voluntarily and humanely end their life.

7 *Inmate:* An individual serving a life sentence or on death row in a federal
8 or state correctional facility.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice, in coordination with the Department of
10 Health and Human Services, will oversee the administration of this
11 program.

12 A. Physicians involved must be licensed and follow strict guidelines,
13 ensuring that the inmate is of sound mind and has voluntarily chosen
14 this option after full consultation.

15 B. A committee of medical, legal, and ethical professionals will review
16 each case to ensure compliance with humane and ethical standards.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Buffalo High School.



A Bill to Establish a Maximum Wage to Tackle the National Poverty Rate

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will establish a maximum wage for
3 all medium businesses of 10x the pay of the lowest paid employee on a
4 ratio of 10-to-1.

5 **SECTION 2.** *Maximum wage* is defined as the most a person's salary can be in
6 comparison with the lowest paid full-time employee's salary at the same
7 business. *Medium businesses* are defined as those who employ at least
8 100 workers.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor (DOL) in coordination with the
10 Wage and Hour Division (WHD), in joint efforts with the Internal Revenue
11 Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation of this bill. Audits of
12 businesses will be conducted at the end of every fiscal quarter to ensure
13 compliance.

14 A. All businesses found in violation of this bill will be granted a 60 days
15 grace period to correct their pay structure. Those who do not will
16 incur a 25% profit fine per month until rectified.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect October 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Caney Creek High School.



A Bill to Give Nuclear Warheads to South Korea to Prevent North Korean Aggression

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

2 **SECTION 1.** North Korea has threatened its southern neighbor for almost 80 years.

3 North Korea is armed with nuclear weapons despite international
4 sanctions. The United States will give and help South Korea develop
5 nuclear warheads.

6 **SECTION 2.** A nuclear weapon is an explosive device that derives its destructive force
7 from nuclear reactions, either fission or a combination of fission and
8 fusion reactions, producing a nuclear explosion.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will handle the exchange of the bombs
10 and the funding of South Korea's missile program.

11 A. The DOD will give South Korea 1 billion USD in aid to develop its
12 missile program.

13 B. The DOD will gift South Korea 5 nuclear warheads to jump-start the
14 missile program.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law goes into effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.



A Bill to Reform the Federal Bureau of Prisons to Mandate a Work and Trade Program

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government will require the Federal Bureau of Prisons
3 (FBOP) to mandate a public, private, or internal labor program, as well as
4 occupational training classes for inmates.

5 **SECTION 2.** Labor will be defined as the intentional activity one performs to support
6 the needs and wants of themselves, others, and a wider community.
7 Occupational Training will be defined as a structured program that
8 provides the skills needed to perform specific tasks in a particular job or
9 trade. Inmates will be defined as a person forced by the law to reside in a
10 prison.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. federal government and the Federal Bureau of Prisons will be
12 responsible for the enforcement of this bill throughout the nation.

13 A. The U.S. federal government is accountable for supervising the Federal
14 Bureau of Prison to see that the system is safe and effective.

15 B. Congress will approve the allocation of \$75 million dollars in order to
16 fund the transportation, equipment, and staff required for the programs
17 and inmates.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented by December 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bellville High School.



A Resolution to Reinstate Federal Mental Health Facilities to Alleviate the National Mental Health Crisis

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Widespread closures of federal Mental Health Facilities occurred due to
2 stigmas and costs in the 1950's and 60s; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This led to the creation of smaller State Mental Health Facilities that were
4 mainly therapeutic in nature; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This has led to a shortage of beds in these facilities, which already
6 struggle to care for the surge of patients; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The closures of federal facilities also led to law enforcement being the
8 primary responders to mental health crises, thus causing the mentally ill
9 to be placed in prisons; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The closure also led to law enforcement being the primary responders to
11 mental health crises, thus causing the mentally ill to be placed in prisons;
12 now, therefore be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled call for the reinstatement of
14 federal mental health facilities.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by The Woodlands High School.



A Bill to Establish SparrowWay Rail to Allow for the Gradual Nationalization of US Railways

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will establish a publicly owned company
3 chartered under the name “SparrowWay Rail.”

4 **SECTION 2. A.** This company shall be entitled to \$15 billion annually with the express
5 purpose of acquiring, maintaining, and operating American railroads.

6 **B.** SparrowWay will be explicitly tasked with maintaining railroad safety,
7 optimizing shipping and freight, and collaborating with local governments to
8 make rail comfortable and accessible.

9 **C.** “Railroad” refers to freight and commuter lines that operate in the US.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the formation of
11 this company.

12 **A.** The Board of SparrowWay Rail shall be composed of 7 members.

13 Four will be appointed by a majority vote in the United States House
14 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The other three members
15 will be nominated by the Secretary of Transportation and approved by the
16 Senate.

17 **B.** This Board will be responsible for hiring a corporate staff and
18 managing operations under supervision of the government and public.

19 **SECTION 4.** SparrowWay Rail should be operational and included in the federal budget by
20 Fiscal Year 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by College Station 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.