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A Resolution to Fully Fund the Department of the Interior (DOI) to Protect Environmental Rights

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Department of the Interior (DOI) has been underfunded in recent
2 fiscal years; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 91.14 billion of the national budget was allocated to the
4 Department of the Interior (DOI) last fiscal year, which limits its ability to
5 enforce environmental laws and protect natural resources; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Insufficient funding reduces the DOI's capacity to provide information
7 about the environment and oversee the many other sub-agencies that
8 enforce our environmental rights; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The ongoing underfunding jeopardizes the health of America's
10 environment and its people; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation for fully funding the Department of the Interior (DOI)
13 by reallocating funds equally from agencies such as Medicare and
14 National Defense by 3% each; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this funding increase be implemented beginning in the next
16 fiscal year, October 1, 2026.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 9.



A Bill to Ban Patents for Life-Saving Medicine

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This congress will ban the use of patents for life-saving medicines. All
3 existing patents will cease upon passage of this legislation.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of the legislation, “life-saving medicine” is defined as:

5 A. Any medication deemed essential for mediating health in patients with
6 life-threatening conditions.

7 B. Medication required for the treatment of ultra-rare diseases where lack
8 of access would result in premature death

9 C. Emergency medicines used to prevent death or severe harm.

10 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by:

11 E. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will be responsible for
12 certifying and categorizing “life-saving” medications

13 F. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), shall ensure compliance by
14 pharmaceutical companies, distributors, and pharmacies, and investigate
15 violations.

16 G. Penalties for noncompliance shall include fines up to \$10,000,000 and
17 loss of authorization to distribute medicine within the United States.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 16.

We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and has permission to be presented.



A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be
3 granted all rights, privileges, and responsibilities equal to the other
4 states.

5 **SECTION 2.** The State of Puerto Rico shall consist of all islands and territorial waters
6 currently under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

7 **SECTION 3.** Upon statehood, Puerto Rico shall receive federal representation as
8 follows:

9 A. Two seats in the United States Senate.

10 B. Representatives in the United States House will be determined by the
11 latest census data.

12 C. Electors based on its congressional representation

13 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Interior (DOI) shall oversee the implementation of
14 this legislation:

15 A. All Puerto Rican Residents shall be subject to federal income tax
16 laws, and federal funding will be allocated for economic
17 adjustments.

18 B. United States federal laws will take full effect in Puerto Rico,
19 overriding any conflicting local laws.

20 C. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the
21 Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico.

22 **SECTION 5.** This Legislation shall immediately go into effect.

23 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 5.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Create a Parliamentary System

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: Federal elections in all states shall be conducted via open list proportional representation with 3, 4, and 5 member districts and a 5% national vote threshold. All states shall be guaranteed a minimum of one 3-member district. The number and types of districts per state shall be determined by the Census and drawn by independent state level agencies. The number of seats in the House of Representatives shall be expanded accordingly.

SECTION 2: The Senate and the Presidency shall be abolished.

SECTION 3: The Speaker of the House shall adopt all powers currently associated with the Presidency in addition to their own.

SECTION 4: All unique functions of the Senate, including but not limited to approval of appointments, will be adopted by the House.

SECTION 5: Where existing House rules and procedures contradict existing Senate rules and procedures, such as in matters (including but not limited to) of cloture or removing chamber leaders from their positions, House rules and procedures shall prevail.

SECTION 6: Term lengths for representatives shall be extended from 2 years to 4 years.

SECTION 7: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 20.

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A Bill to Provide Public School Teachers with a Federal Tax Credit

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A refundable federal tax credit of \$5,000 shall be established for all
3 qualified K-12 public school teachers in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, a "qualified K-12 public school
5 teacher" shall be defined as a person who:

6 A. Is employed full-time as an educator for at least 900 hours during a
7 school year.

8 B. Holds a valid state-issued teaching license or certification.

9 C. Works in a state-accredited public elementary or secondary school.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be directed to amend the U.S.
11 Tax Code to incorporate this credit and shall be responsible for its
12 implementation and oversight.

13 **SECTION 4.** This tax credit shall be fully refundable, meaning that if the credit
14 amount exceeds a teacher's tax liability, the difference will be paid to
15 them as a direct refund.

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall apply to all tax years beginning after the date of
17 its passage. All funding for this tax credit shall be sourced from the
18 general treasury of the United States.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 3**.*

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A Bill to Require Media Literacy Education in U.S. Public High Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Beginning in the 2028-2029 academic year, all U.S. public high schools
3 shall be required to implement a semester-long course in media literacy.

4 **SECTION 2.** The media literacy curriculum shall include, but not be limited to:

5 **A.** Techniques for identifying credible sources and evaluating bias.

6 **B.** Understanding the influence of social media algorithms on public
7 opinion.

8 **C.** Analyzing the impact on civic engagement and mental health.

9 **D.** Strategies for safe and ethical behavior.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education shall:

11 **A.** Develop and approve curriculum standards in consultation with
12 media experts, educators, and psychologists.

13 **B.** Provide funding and resources for teacher training and professional
14 development.

15 **C.** Allow schools to integrate the course into existing English, Social
16 Studies, or Technology programs, or offer it as a standalone elective.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the 2028-2029 school
18 year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 19.



A Bill to Permit the Carrying or Possession of Concealed Firearms Across State Lines

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill is to permit the lawful possession and carrying of concealed
3 handguns across state lines, provided that the owner is licensed to
4 carry in their state of residence.

5 **SECTION 2.** Permit is defined as granting access and legal allowance

6 The possession of concealed handguns is defined as owning and
7 operating a gun that is not visible to the public.

8 Licensed to carry is defined as holding valid, state-issued

9 documentation entitled to own and carry concealed handguns

10 Across state lines is defined as the legal act of entering and traveling
11 within another U.S. state beyond one's state of residence.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee all enforcement in
13 relation to this bill. A private right of action will be enforced to
14 address violations by state and local authorities.

15 A. For each offense a fine of no less than, \$50,000 will be imposed

16 B. Any state or local law enforcement that violates this bill will be
17 reported to the (DOJ).

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning January 31, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **ESC 11.***

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow a Third Presidential Term

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
7 the Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** The Twenty-Second Amendment to the Constitution which asserts
10 that "No person shall be elected to the office of President more than
11 twice...".

12 **SECTION 2:** An amendment to the Constitution shall be added that asserts "No
13 person shall be elected to the office of President more than three
14 times, and no person who has held the office of President, acted as
15 President, for more than two years of a term to which some other
16 person was elected President shall be elected to the office of President
17 more than twice."

18 **SECTION 3:** This article shall not apply to any person holding office of President at
19 the time of its ratification.

20 **SECTION 4:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
21 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 10.

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A Bill to Require Driver's Education for All High School Graduates

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Beginning with the graduating class of 2029, students must complete a
3 certified driver's education course to receive a high school diploma.

4 **SECTION 2.** Driver's education shall be defined as a formal learning program, in-
5 person or online, that teaches individuals the necessary knowledge and
6 skills to operate a motor vehicle safely and responsibly, including traffic
7 laws, vehicle operation, and defensive driving techniques.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education along with the Department of
9 Transportation and Department of Public Safety shall set the minimum
10 standard for driver's education.

11 **A.** There will be classroom instruction and safety training included.

12 **B.** The course will be intended to last one 45-minute class period over one
13 semester.

14 **C.** For each graduating class it is estimated to cost 350 million dollars. This
15 will come from the Federal Highway Administration.

16 **SECTION 4.** Standards must be set within 12 months of enactment; compliance is
17 required by the 2028-2029 school year; effective for the class of 2029
18 onward.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by ESC 17.



Strategic Uranium Stockpiling Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that a stable and reliable supply of Uranium is essential for
3 maintaining the common defense and for promoting the general welfare of
4 the United States, and thus authorizes the creation of the Strategic Uranium
5 Reserve (SUR).

6 **SECTION 2.** The SUR shall house repositories of low-enriched uranium (LEU) and highly-
7 enriched uranium (HEU). 75 percent of all LEU material shall be designated
8 for potential energy use, with the remaining 25 percent of all LEU material
9 designated for medical applications. The SUR shall be a repository for 75,000
10 tonnes of uranium by 2050.

11 **SECTION 3.** \$2 billion per year shall be allotted for the administration of the SUR.
12 Elements of the SUR shall be overseen by the Department of Energy, the
13 Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Defense.

14 A. LEU designated for potential energy use shall be administered by the
15 Department of Energy.

16 B. LEU designate for medical applications shall be administered by the
17 Department of Health and Human Services.

18 C. HEU shall be administered by the Department of Defense.

19 D. Withdrawals from the SUR may only be authorized by the President of
20 the United States following a declaration of a national emergency.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect October 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by State Clerk.

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