

A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Cigarettes in Any and All Public Indoor Spaces

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All buildings that are open to the public cease tolerance of any presence of smoking.

SECTION 2. Forms of cigarettes that will be prohibited include electronic, herbal, flavored, and clove cigarettes. Any other alternative forms of cigars will also be subject to violation.

SECTION 3. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will fund and regulate this bill.

A. OSHA will handle the creation of warning signs to alert those who enter public spaces of the consequences of the use of cigarettes.

B. Fines will be distributed to violators of this bill. Person(s) that are convicted of violating this law multiple times are subject to paying higher amounts in later issued fines.

SECTION 4. This law will be implemented by the end of 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas High School.



A Bill to Prohibit the Banning of Books in Public Schools to Promote Intellectual Freedom

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will prohibit the ability for public schools to ban books
3 to encourage intellectual freedom.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Intellectual freedom" is the right of every individual to both seek and
5 receive information from all points of view without restriction.

6 "Public schools" are schools which are free and accessible to the public
7 through the use of governmental funding.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement
9 and implementation of this legislation.

10 A. Schools that are found guilty of banning books will be fined 20% of
11 the offending campus's instructional material budget allocation.

12 Monies generated through these fines will be allocated towards the
13 cost of updating instructional materials recommended at the federal
14 level.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Grandview High School.



A Resolution to Suggest That the WTO Increase Patent Waivers for COVID-19 Vaccines

- WHEREAS,** Intellectual property protections reduce access to the COVID-19 vaccines in developing countries; and
- WHEREAS,** Millions of people continue to die from COVID related illnesses because of inequitable access, and intellectual property protections are the driving force behind these structural inequalities; and
- WHEREAS,** IP protections cement inequities in the global health system. Specifically, Covid19 vaccines empirically verify the problems built into health systems; and
- WHEREAS,** Carving out exceptions for COVID-19 vaccines recognizes a human right to health for less privileged groups, which is key to increasing access to life saving drugs in developing nations; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled suggest the WTO increase patent waivers for life saving medicines.

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Session 1-4



A Bill to Establish a Curfew for Transporting Windmill Parts

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All transporter vehicles that correlate with Windmill services are limited to a set curfew.
- SECTION 2.** Windmill services transportation vehicles will have a curfew that limits hours of operation from 10 in the evening until 5 in the morning. Curfew will be defined as the time in which an operation or action can be performed.
- SECTION 3.** The Texas Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill, and further enforcement will be enhanced by local police departments.
- SECTION 4.** This law would be implemented September 1, 2022, allowing for windmill services to be notified with enough time.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Protect Endangered Polar Bears

- 1 **WHEREAS,** human originated climate change has decimated the polar bear habitat,
2 which endangers the species; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** there are 22,000 remaining polar bears in the world, and the population
4 is projected to decrease by 30% in the next ten years; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the polar bear extinction process will destroy the current environmental
6 balance; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** it causes a shift in the indigenous animal's habits such as an increased
8 seal population, an imbalance in the arctic food chain, in the ecosystem,
9 and the climate; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation for the EPA to protect the endangered polar bear
12 population from human-generated climate change.

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Session 2-2

A Resolution to Maintain a Permanent Military Base in Afghanistan

- WHEREAS,** The Taliban has taken over the government of Afghanistan, leading to more instability in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** The Taliban is a terrorist group along with al-Qaeda, ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant), IS (Islamic State); and
- WHEREAS,** A permanent military base could promote unity and security in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** A military base would also be important in a potential war scenario; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make recommend that a permanent military base be established in Afghanistan.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.



A Resolution to Encourage the Editing of the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited Substances List

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) currently has substances, such as
2 cannabis, on their prohibited list that does not meet two of their three
3 criteria to qualify; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This criteria includes the ability for a substance to enhance an athlete's
5 performance, the ability for the substance to pose a health risk for
6 athletes, and the substance "violates the spirit of the sport."; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Only five of twenty-three substances class on the list show evidence of
8 having the ability to enhance actual sports performance; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The World Anti-Doping Agency is punishing athletes internationally for
10 substances that are not performance-enhancing, creating more stigma
11 around the use of these drugs; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States should work
13 to help edit and update the World Anti-Doping Agency's prohibited
14 substances list to ensure athletes aren't wrongly disqualified for the use
15 of unarmful substances.

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A Resolution to Invest in the United States Pharmaceutical Industry

- WHEREAS,** The US relies heavily on other countries to supply its demand for medical supplies and drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** About 80 percent of the basic components used in U.S. drugs, known as active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), come from China and India; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has highlighted the dire need to invest in pharmaceutical research and development and pharmaceutical infrastructure to better monitor and address health threats in the future; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the United States government to invest in the US pharmaceutical industry.

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A Bill to Eliminate Immunity for Social Network Service Providers to Protect Persons from Defamatory Content

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title V, 47 U.S.C. sec. 230 of the Communications Decency Act is hereby
3 amended to state that a provider of a social networking service may be
4 held liable for content published by a third party on a social networking
5 site if the user or provider knows or should know that the content is false
6 and defamatory, and the user or provider fails to take reasonable steps to
7 remove the content from the social networking service.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. A "social networking service" includes any online internet
9 platform that is used to build social networks.

10 B. "Defamatory content" includes any false statement of fact that
11 exposes a person or entity to hatred, ridicule, or contempt or injures the
12 person's or entity's business or trade.

13 **SECTION 3.** A person or entity who is damaged by defamatory content that is
14 published on an interactive computer service networking site may bring
15 an action in a United States Federal District Court against any Social
16 Networking Service that allows such information to be published or fails
17 to remove such information with knowledge of its falsity.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will become effective 180 days after this bill is passed.

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

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A Resolution to Increase Organ Transplant Availability

- WHEREAS,** There are currently over 107,000 people on the national transplant waiting list; and
- WHEREAS,** Nearly 60% of patients on the waiting list spend their life savings on hospital bills waiting for a transplant; and
- WHEREAS,** If the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) is not given permission by the next of kin or a will to harvest a cadaver's organs, they will be disposed of by the state; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled allow the Organ Procurement Organization to harvest organs of the unclaimed deceased to increase organ transplant availability.

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A Bill to Implement Green Steel Manufacturing in the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will prohibit the manufacturing,
3 sale, and importation of regular steel. Additionally, the United States
4 Federal Government will require all new steel that is processed to be
5 green steel.

6 **SECTION 2.** Regular steel is defined as steel that is manufactured by stripping oxygen
7 from iron ore to produce pure iron metal using coal or natural gas.
8 Green steel is defined as steel that is manufactured from hydrogen-based
9 materials using renewable energy.

10 **SECTION 3.** The manufacturing and phasing out process shall be overseen by the
11 United States Department of Commerce.

12 A. The Department of Commerce will regularly inspect U.S. steel
13 manufacturing plants to ensure that green steel is being
14 manufactured. Failure to properly implement the manufacturing of
15 green steel will result in a \$500,000.00 fine per each 6-month period
16 that the company is found to be out of compliance.

17 B. Additionally, the Department of Commerce will inspect all imports of
18 steel arriving in U.S. ports from foreign vendors to ensure their
19 compliance with the green steel mandate.

20 **SECTION 4.** The manufacturing of green steel shall be implemented by 2023; regular
21 steel production must be phased out by 2024.

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

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