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

**WHEREAS,** The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) establishes a comprehensive framework for regulating the use of the world's seas and oceans, including navigation rights, territorial waters, and resource management; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States, as a major maritime power, has not yet ratified UNCLOS despite its crucial role in protecting global maritime interests, promoting environmental stewardship, and enhancing international cooperation; and

**WHEREAS,** Ratifying UNCLOS would provide the United States with a legal framework to assert its claims in international waters, particularly in the Arctic, and to participate fully in international negotiations regarding maritime disputes; and

**WHEREAS,** Ratification of UNCLOS would strengthen the United States' ability to address critical issues such as illegal fishing, environmental degradation, and freedom of navigation in strategic areas like the South China Sea; and

**WHEREAS,** UNCLOS ratification has broad support from national security experts, environmental groups, and industries reliant on international shipping; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls on the United States Federal Government to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in order to protect American maritime interests and promote international cooperation on the world's oceans.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Caney Creek High School.*

# **A Bill to Legalize the Sale and Use of Marijuana for Recreational Purposes**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The possession, sale, consumption, or distribution of Cannabis is legal for all Residents of the United States aged 21 or older.
- SECTION 2.** A Resident of the United States is defined using the IRS's definition of a Resident.
- SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Internal Revenue Service will oversee all enforcement.
- A. All persons jailed exclusively for crimes related to the possession, sale, consumption, or distribution of Cannabis shall be released, and persons charged with additional crimes would have their sentences reduced.
- B. Cannabis would be taxed at 15% the retail price of the items purchased.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Midway High School.*

# **A Resolution to Officially Recognize the Province of Tibet as an independent nation to promote global autonomy**

1                   **WHEREAS,**    No country officially recognizes The Province of Tibet as an  
2                   independent nation; and  
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4                   **WHEREAS,**    Despite Tibet having its own unique culture and its own  
5                   system of self governance, the Chinese's government denies the people  
6                   independence; and  
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8                   **WHEREAS,**    It has been found that the Chinese government is  
9                   attempting to eliminate the national identity of the people of Tibet,  
10                  moreover it is evident the Chinese government has a disregard for the  
11                  human rights of the Tibetan people; and  
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13                  **WHEREAS,**    The Tibetan people have advocated and proved that they  
14                  qualify as an independent nation; now therefore be it  
  
                  **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled shall officially recognize  
                  the Province of Tibet as an independent nation as an ally state to the  
                  United States moreover Tibet will be offered a spot to join NATO.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Round Rock Christian Academy.*

## **Congress Bill**

### *A bill to eliminate taxes on tips*

#### **SECTION 1**

Congress finds that tipped workers often do not get the income they expect because of the mandatory 8.25% tax on credit tips. This is a problem because the workers who follow the law and report their tips to the IRS get taxed, while those who do not report get to keep their money. Congress recognizes that tip taxes hurt workers more than they help them. This bill seeks to eliminate the 8.25% tax on tips to benefit tipped workers.

#### **SECTION 2**

The tax on tips, or "tip tax," is the 8.25% mandatory tax the IRS imposes on all tips for workers who tip more than 20 dollars per month, either cash or credit.

#### **SECTION 3**

The IRS, as the federal bureau that enforced the tip tax before, will oversee the enforcement of this bill to eliminate tip taxes.

#### **SECTION 4**

This legislation will take effect January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.



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

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

**SECTION 2.**

- A. *Physician-assisted suicide*: A process where a licensed physician provides the means for a person to voluntarily and humanely end their life.
- B. *Inmate*: An individual serving a life sentence or on death row in a federal or state correctional facility.

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

- A. Physicians involved must be licensed and follow strict guidelines, ensuring that the inmate is of sound mind and has voluntarily chosen this option after full consultation.
- B. A committee of medical, legal, and ethical professionals will review each case to ensure compliance with humane and ethical standards.

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

**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 Stop "Cards Only" and to Make All Establishments Take Cash**

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

- SECTION 1.** According to the Department of Treasury, it is estimated that the risk of encountering a counterfeit bill is 1 in 10,000, which is much lower than credit card fraud that happens to every 1 in 26 people and continues to increase.
- SECTION 2.** All establishments will be required to accept cash and will be prohibited from using "cards only."
- SECTION 3.** An establishment means a practice that makes transactions of debt public and private.
- SECTION 4.** Cash will be described as the U.S. physical dollar currency or dollars and coins.
- SECTION 5.** This bill will be overseen by the Department of Treasury and the Social Security Administration.
- A. If an establishment refuses to accept cash, then they'll be fined .25% of their monthly income until they comply with the law.
  - B. All money made from fines will be implemented into the Social Security programs.
  - C. This law only pertains to transactions of \$100,000 or less and does not pertain to online stores.
- SECTION 6.** The implementation of this bill will be in the fiscal year of 2028.
- SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Collinsville High School*

# **A Bill to Require Defense Training for All Public School Faculty**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All public school faculty members will now be required to take 15 hours of defense training before the first day of school instruction to combat the increase of school threats and ensure the safety of all students.
- SECTION 2.** The first day of school instruction can be defined as the first day of a school year. Defense training can be defined as a course proctored by a licensed and accredited training organization.
- SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- A. An increase of 5% to the federal budget for public schools shall be allotted to offset costs.
  - B. A school's failure to comply will result in a 6 month period of probation, and a mandatory defense course proctored by an official sent by the state's education association.
  - C. A school's probation would consist of a bi-weekly, in-person inspection by an official sent by the state's education association until probation is lifted.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Godley High School.*

# **A Bill to Provide Emergency Patent Waivers for Life-Saving Drugs**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will waive patents on life-saving  
3 medication or vaccinations during a public health emergency.

4 **SECTION 2.** Life-saving drugs are drugs that can prevent complications, save or  
5 sustain a person's life, or require immediate administration to prevent  
6 critical conditions. A public health crisis, according to the World Health  
7 Organization, is a natural or manmade event or threat that could harm a  
8 large number of people.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will  
10 oversee the operations of waiving patents during public health  
11 emergencies.

12 A. A week after the public health emergency is declared, pharmaceutical  
13 manufacturers will be subsidized \$600 million to mass launch  
14 production of critical drugs to end the public health emergency.

15 B. Pharmaceutical companies who refuse will be financially penalized  
16 10% of their gross revenue for the previous financial year. Continuous  
17 refusal to waive patents can trigger a company shut down without  
18 due process or compensation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate Princeton 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 Require Emission Systems in Military Vehicles to Fight Against Pollution**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** This bill seeks to provide solutions to combat emissions of the US military, which by itself would be the 47th largest emitter globally. This bill would require that all Military Vehicles be equipped with emissions systems to curb overall pollutants.
- SECTION 2.** Military vehicles will be defined as any land-based vehicles used for military transport and activities.
- Emission systems will be defined as components designed to limit the release of harmful gasses produced by internal combustion engines.
- SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the installation and development of the emission devices. The funding will be one billion coming from the department of defense
- A. 50% of allocated funding shall be used for the installation of the emission systems. Installation of the system.
- B. 50% of allocated funding shall be used for research and development of efficient emissions systems for military applications.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 15, 2026
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# **A Resolution to Files Articles of Impeachment of President Donald Trump**

- WHEREAS,** President Donald Trump has displayed numerous instances of abuse of power and neglect of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** President Trump has established the role of "Border Czar," which centralizes significant authority over immigration and border policy outside traditional executive and legislative oversight, violating the principles of checks and balances; and
- WHEREAS,** President Trump Donald Trump, as a convicted felon, has compromised the integrity of the executive office, undermining public trust in the presidency and setting a dangerous precedent for future officeholders; and
- WHEREAS,** established the "Department of Government Efficiency," allegedly for streamlining government functions, but utilized it to bypass established civil service protections, including the Pendleton Civil Service Act, by hiring personnel based on loyalty and patronage rather than merit, notably with connections to individuals like Elon Musk; and
- WHEREAS,** President Trump abused his authority by appointing Linda McMahon as Secretary of Education, despite her substantial ties to the Super Political Action Committee, America First Action, and over \$6 million in campaign donations, raising questions of quid pro quo and violations of the Pendleton Civil Service Act; and
- WHEREAS,** President Trump has threatened to dissolve the Department of Education, which would undermine the constitutional principle of equal access to education and jeopardize federal support for public schools; and
- WHEREAS,** President Trump Donald Trump, co-conspired with an unlicensed immigrant, Elon Musk, to violate federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 597 makes it a crime to pay or offer payment for voting or withholding a vote, and 52 U.S.C. § 10307(c) prohibits giving or offering to give anything of value as a means to influence someone's vote; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** by the National Speech and Debate Association Congress assembled, that articles of impeachment be filed against Donald Trump for the aforementioned violations of the Constitution and federal law.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Caney Creek High School.*

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

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

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

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

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

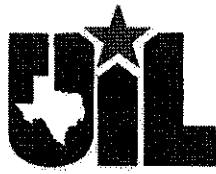
- A. Video game manufacturers must certify compliance with the timer installation requirement annually through a formal declaration submitted to the FTC.
- B. Non-compliant products will face a mandated recall at the manufacturer's expense.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Buffalo High School.*

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## **A Resolution to Train Ukrainian Military Units in the United States to Aid Ukraine in Repealing an Invasion by the Russian Federation**

- WHEREAS,** On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 military forces of the Russian Federation illegally invaded Ukraine; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite a valiant effort by the Ukrainian defenders, military forces of the Russian Federation have not been expelled from Ukraine; and
- WHEREAS,** Failure for Ukraine to repel this invasion may have disastrous effects for the sovereignty of surrounding states due to aggression on the part of the Russian Federation; and
- WHEREAS,** New, specialized, western style equipment required for the defense of Ukraine has been provided by NATO, essential training on the operation and maintenance on these western systems has been difficult for the Ukrainian defenders to acquire due to the invasion of Ukraine by military forces of the Russian Federation; and
- WHEREAS,** While the necessarily high-quality training on these specialized western systems is currently occurring, it is far from enough Ukrainians for all the equipment to be properly utilized by the Ukrainian Military; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the expansion of training programs for Ukrainian military units; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That additional western equipment be provided to these Ukrainian units to enable these Ukrainian units to be fully effective.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midway High School.*



## A Bill to Make Teachers Income Tax Exempt

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

2 SECTION 1. Teachers with 10 years of teaching experience shall be tax exempt for the  
3 first \$50,000.00 of their pay each year remaining in the profession.

4 SECTION 2. Teacher shall be defined as an educator who is employed by a school  
5 district and who, not less than an average of four hours each day, teaches  
6 in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology  
7 instructional setting. This does not include full-time administrators.

8 SECTION 3. The IRS will oversee the Implementation of this bill.

9 A. Teachers' income shall be tax exempt, after the tenth year period is  
10 complete, they will be taxed in the appropriate tax bracket.

11 B. Teachers may only qualify for this tax exemption after the first time  
12 they earn their teaching certification.

13 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in 2026

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Collinsville High School*

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# **A Bill to Amend the COPPA to Raise the Age Limit to 16 to Ensure Online Safety and Improve Mental Health**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The COPPA (Child Online Privacy Protection Act) shall be amended to increase the "adulthood" for online social media and services to 16 years of age. Currently 32% of children with more than 3 hours of internet usage have reported a mental illness caused by internet activity. As well as more than 15,000 children get trafficked online every year. The amendment would ensure the safety and improvement of mental health for children under 16.

**SECTION 2.** Mental illness shall be defined as any disorder that affects mood, thinking, and behavior. Examples include but are not limited to anxiety, depression, and bipolar disorder.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall enforce the implementation of this bill

- A. Social media companies/agencies not in accordance with the bill shall be fined \$100,000 per incident.
- B. Repeat offenses could result in the sanctioning or banning the media company from operating in the United States.

**SECTION 4.** The bill shall go into effect January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Godley High School.*

# **The Honeybee Protection Act**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** The United States will take proactive measures to protect wild and domesticated honeybees with a multifaceted approach to protecting against Colony Collapse Disorder.

**Section 2.** Colony collapse disorder is the phenomenon that affects honeybee colonies, characterized by the sudden disappearance of the majority of worker bees from a hive leaving behind a queen bee, food stores, and a few nurse bees to care for the remaining immature bees.

**Section 3. A.** \$250 million dollars will be allocated to protect apiaries from invasive varroa mites. This money will be directed to members of the FDA, EPA, and Fish & Wildlife Service for a joint research project.

**B.** A complete ban on neonicotinoid pesticides will be implemented.

**C.** An additional \$250 million in funding will be directed to the CDC to fund research designed to find protections against the Israeli Acute Paralysis virus.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will begin to take effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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



## **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 Region 6.*

# A Bill to Enhance the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The National School Breakfast and Lunch Program should receive one  
3 billion dollars to diversify their breakfast and lunch programs. Any public  
4 or private school in the United States from grades Pre-K through 12th  
5 grade fall under this threshold.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Enhance" shall refer to as further improving the quality of something.  
7 "National School Breakfast and Lunch Program" shall refer to as the  
8 program that provides free or reduced breakfast and lunch to students.

9 **SECTION 3.** he United States Department of Agriculture shall oversee the  
10 implementation of this policy. The USDA will collaborate with the  
11 National School Breakfast and Lunch Program to refine and produce  
12 quality food.

13 The USDA shall provide and allocate approximately one billion dollars of its funds to this  
14 program.

15 Regular reports and screenings should be submitted to the USDA to ensure that the  
16 quality of food is improving and aligning with standards.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate Princeton High School.*