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A Bill to Grant Workers the Right to Disconnect Outside of Contracted Hours to Promote a Healthy Work-Life Balance

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Private and public employers shall be prohibited from retaliating and/or reprimanding employees who refuse to monitor, read, or respond to contact or attempted contact outside of their contracted working hours unless such refusal is unreasonable.

SECTION 2. Private and public employers are defined as any workplace authority which provides payment to employees. Contracted working hours are defined as the clearly defined hours or expected labor obligations listed in an employee's contract and/or job description. Unreasonable is defined as exemptions based on seniority, reason for the contact, and/or the level of disruption caused by the refusal.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

A. Employers found to be in violation of this law shall be issued a fine of no less than \$1,000.00 but not to exceed \$50,000.00 depending on the severity of the infringement.

SECTION 4. This law shall go into effect on August 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by China Spring High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish a Three-Person Presidency

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: The executive power of the United States shall be vested in three Presidents, who shall jointly exercise the powers and duties of the President.

SECTION 2: The three Presidents shall be elected by the qualified voters of the United States, with one President elected from each of three regions established by Congress. No two Presidents may be elected from the same region.

SECTION 3: Each President shall serve a six-year term, except that upon the initial election, one shall serve two years, one four years, and one six years. Thereafter, one President shall be elected every two years to a six-year term. No President who has completed a full term shall be eligible for reelection.

SECTION 4: Congress shall establish by law three contiguous regions with substantially equal populations and determine the qualifications for regional candidacy.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Corsicana High School.



A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Commercial Advertising to Protect Consumers

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Businesses shall cease the use of artificial intelligence in the production of commercials to ensure clarity, incentivize human creativity, and prevent misinformation.

SECTION 2. “Commercials” can be defined as any video, audio, or written media created with the intent of persuading consumers to buy products, use services, or hold a particular viewpoint.

“Artificial intelligence” (AI) can be defined as any system that generates text, images, video, audio, or other media that would ordinarily require human creativity or effort.

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will oversee the enforcement of this bill in collaboration with The Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

A. They shall implement new standards in their lists of guidelines that prohibit AI-generated content from being used by businesses.

B. They shall scan prospective commercials for artificial intelligence.

SECTION 4. This law will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2028.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hico High School



The S.A.L.T.S. Bill to Mandate the Iodine Fortification of Table Salt

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All table salt sold commercially for human consumption shall hence forth be fortified with Iodine compounds for the health of modern America, and in tandem the sale of non-iodized table salt will be prohibited.

SECTION 2. The Solution to America's Lackluster Table Salt, S.A.L.T.S., Bill targets only table salt, or Sodium Chloride, intended to be ingested by humans. Fortification is the process of adding supplemental compounds such as vitamins and minerals to widely consumed products to reduce the rate of deficiency.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) , Center for Disease Control (CDC), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will collaborate to enforce and execute the S.A.L.T.S. bill.

A. The FDA will continue to monitor the standards of production for iodized salt, while the CDC will set these standards.

B. The FTC will oversee salt businesses to ensure they comply with these new standards, as well as overseeing the subsequent punishment for non-complicit entities.

SECTION 4. The S.A.L.T.S. Bill will be implemented effective immediately. Companies will be afforded a grace period of 1 year to phase out non-iodized salt.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas 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 Establish a Minimum Age Requirement on the Sale of Energy Drinks

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The national minimum age to purchase, possess, or consume an energy drink shall be set at 18 years of age.

SECTION 2. “Energy drink” shall be defined as a non-alcoholic, psychoactive functional beverage marketed to increase mental alertness, concentration, and physical performance with over 70 milligrams of caffeine per 9 fluid ounces and one or more metabolic stimulant such as taurine, guarana, L-Carnitine, or Methylxanthines.

SECTION 3. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the enforcement of this law in coordination with the state governments.

- A. Manufacturers must register beverages that meet the above definition and include a standardized warning label on packaging.
- B. Retailers, including E-commerce platforms, delivery apps, and automated merchandising machines, must verify the purchaser’s age.
- C. Noncompliant retailers face a graduated penalty system, including a warning, mandatory employee retraining, a fine not to exceed \$10,000, and suspension or revocation of their food dealer license.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Little River Academy High School.



A Bill to Ban the Use of Mass ALPR Surveillance

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) surveillance systems such as Flock
3 are banned for use by all U.S. law enforcement agencies and existing
4 systems must be removed from roads, intersections, and neighborhood
5 entrances.

6 **SECTION 2.** ALPR surveillance system is defined as a high-speed, computer-controlled
7 camera network that automatically captures and analyzes vehicle data on
8 public roadways.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ), in coordination with the Privacy and
10 Civil Liberties Oversight Board will implement and enforce this legislation.

11 A. Law enforcement agencies found in violation of this law shall forfeit
12 all federal funding.

13 B. The sale of law enforcement ALPR surveillance systems to the public
14 is prohibited.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on September 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.



A Bill to Prohibit Lethal Military Force Against Suspected Drug Trafficking Vessels

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Armed Forces shall not use lethal force against vessels
3 or persons suspected of drug trafficking except during a war declared by
4 Congress or an authorization for use of military force.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Lethal force" means any action intended to kill persons or destroy a
6 vessel, including airstrikes and missile strikes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) shall enforce this bill.

8 A. The Secretary of Defense shall rescind all standing orders authorizing
9 lethal strikes on suspected trafficking vessels.

10 B. The United States Coast Guard shall retain full authority to conduct
11 interdiction operations, and the DoD may provide vessels, aircraft,
12 and personnel in support.

13 C. The Secretary of Defense shall report to Congress quarterly on all
14 counternarcotics operations conducted at sea.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Waco Midway High School.



A Bill to Restore Previous Federal School Lunch Requirements

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall restore the National
3 School Lunch Program meal requirements to the standards in effect prior to the
4 implementation of the 2012 Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch
5 and School Breakfast Programs.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “previous school lunch requirements” shall
7 refer to the National School Lunch Program meal patterns in effect before the
8 2012 USDA nutrition standards implementation. Under these requirements,
9 schools shall not be federally required to meet the increased fruit, vegetable,
10 and whole-grain requirements established by the 2012 rule.

11 **SECTION 3.** Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program shall retain the
12 ability to offer students a variety of foods, provided that meals continue to meet
13 the federal requirements established under the restored meal pattern.

14 A. The USDA shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring the
15 restored meal requirements.

16 B. Schools found to be in noncompliance with the adjusted standards shall risk
17 the loss of grant funding awards from the USDA.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by China Spring High School.



A Bill to Strengthen the Long-Term Solvency of Social Security

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The maximum amount of annual earnings subject to the Social Security
3 payroll tax shall be increased to four hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$400,000).

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill, “taxable maximum” shall refer to the
6 maximum amount of annual earnings subject to the Social Security
7 payroll tax. “Social Security payroll tax” shall refer to the tax imposed on
8 wages to fund the Social Security program.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration (SSA) shall oversee the
10 implementation and enforcement of this bill.

11 A. Earnings between the existing taxable maximum and \$400,000 shall be
12 subject to the existing Social Security payroll tax rate, with 6.2 percent
13 paid by the employee and 6.2 percent paid by the employer.

14 B. Earnings between the existing taxable maximum and \$400,000 shall be
15 included in the calculation of an individual’s Social Security retirement
16 benefit at fifty percent (50%) of their actual value.

17 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

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

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Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Corsicana High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College and Establish Direct Popular Presidential Elections

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: The President and Vice President shall be elected directly by the citizens of the United States who are qualified voters in any State or in the District constituting the seat of Government of the United States. In such election, voters shall cast a single, unified ballot for a joint candidacy for President and Vice President. The joint candidacy receiving the greatest number of valid votes cast nationwide shall be elected. If no joint candidacy receives a distinct highest total due to a tie, the House of Representatives and the Senate, meeting in joint session, shall choose the President and Vice President by majority vote from among the tied candidacies.

SECTION 2: Article II, Section 1, Clauses 2 and 3 of this Constitution, the Twelfth Article of Amendment, and the Twenty-Third Article of Amendment are hereby repealed and superseded upon ratification of this article.

SECTION 3: The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hillsboro High School.



A Bill to Ban Software Updates that Intentionally Shorten the Usable Lifespan of Consumer Electronics

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Software providers shall be prohibited from releasing updates that lead
3 to planned obsolescence.

4 **SECTION 2.** Planned obsolescence is defined as the intentional reduction of a device's
5 performance or functionality to encourage replacement with newer
6 hardware.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall enforce this legislation by
8 investigating complaints and fining companies up to \$350,000 and
9 initiating criminal proceedings that can result in prison sentences of up to
10 two years for executives found in violation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on February 1, 2027.

12 **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 Enforcing Environmental Regulations for AI Data Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A regulatory commission within the Environmental Protection Agency will be created to ensure enforcement of U.S. environmental regulations during construction and operation of AI Data Centers and enhance public notification of data centers prior to construction.

SECTION 2. AI Data Center is defined as a facility designed to cope with the power storage and cooling requirements of AI technology. Public notification is defined as a formal announcement issued by government agencies to inform the public about legal, regulatory, or community matters.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee enforcement.

A. This legislation holds AI Data Centers responsible for accurately measuring and publicly reporting annual electricity consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and water usage in compliance with all U.S. environmental laws, policies, rules and regulations.

B. Companies failing to meet U.S. Energy efficiency standards will incur penalties set by published current Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, scaled to the severity of the violation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on July 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.



A Resolution to Place Regulatory Limits on Graphic Violence in Video Games

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Modern video games increasingly feature hyper realistic, graphic
2 depictions of extreme violence, including simulated torture and
3 dismemberment; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Numerous psychological studies link prolonged exposure to interactive,
5 violent media with desensitization, increased aggressive behavior, and
6 decreased empathy in developing adolescents; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The current self-regulatory body, the Entertainment Software Rating
8 Board (ESRB), lacks federal enforcement power to prevent minors from
9 easily purchasing mature-related content; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Protecting the psychological well-being of youth is a compelling
11 government interest that justifies the implementation of stricter,
12 enforceable distribution guidelines; now therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled should establish mandatory
14 federal regulations and strict retail penalties to limit minors' access to
15 excessively violent interactive media.

16 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mildred High School.*



A Resolution to Establish a Pacific Collective Defense Treaty Organization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Indo-Pacific region has no multilateral collective defense alliance
2 comparable to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and
3 **WHEREAS,** United States security commitments in the region rest on separate
4 bilateral treaties with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia, and
5 Thailand, none of which obligate those nations to defend one another;
6 and
7 **WHEREAS,** The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved in 1977 and no
8 successor alliance has replaced it; and
9 **WHEREAS,** The People's Republic of China has expanded its naval forces, asserted
10 disputed maritime claims, and extended its economic influence
11 throughout the region; and
12 **WHEREAS,** Existing partnerships such as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue and the
13 Australia-United Kingdom-United States (AUKUS) agreement provide
14 coordination but contain no mutual defense guarantee; and
15 **WHEREAS,** A unified alliance would deter aggression, distribute defense costs among
16 partners, and reassure regional allies; now, therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommends that the United
18 States negotiate a Pacific collective defense treaty containing a mutual
19 defense guarantee and open to nations bordering the Pacific Ocean,
20 including Taiwan; and, be it
21 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Senate consider any such treaty under its constitutional
22 authority to provide advice and consent.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Waco Midway High School.