

A Resolution to Develop a National Strategy for Utilizing Microreactors to Enhance Natural Disaster Response Efforts

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Natural disasters frequently cause significant loss of life, property, and
2 disrupt essential services; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The current reliance on diesel generators for emergency power during
4 such events is limited by environmental impact, logistical challenges, and
5 inefficiencies; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Microreactors offer a cleaner, more reliable, and portable energy
7 solution that can significantly improve disaster response efforts by
8 providing consistent power to critical infrastructure and services; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Adopting microreactors could reduce greenhouse gas emissions, ease
10 logistical issues related to refueling, and enhance the overall
11 effectiveness of disaster response operations; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend the Secretary of
13 Energy develop a comprehensive national strategy for deploying
14 microreactors in natural disaster response efforts, including evaluation of
15 current diesel generator use, regulatory recommendations, and logistical
16 planning; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the strategy should be submitted to Congress within one year
18 and include detailed plans for the deployment, maintenance, and
19 integration of microreactors to maximize their effectiveness during
20 emergencies.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **Region 13.***

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 1, Item 2

A Bill to Tax Ultra-Processed Foods to Lower Disease Rates

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A 10% tax on ultra-processed foods shall be implemented to decrease
3 diseases related to unhealthy food.

4 **SECTION 2.** Ultra-processed food is defined as packaged foods that have been made
5 by food companies using manufactured ingredients.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will enforce the definition of ultra-
7 processed foods, while the Internal Revenue Service will oversee tax
8 collections.

9 A. The FDA's compliance programs provide instructions to FDA
10 personnel for conducting activities to evaluate industry compliance.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **Region 7.***

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 1, Item 3

A Bill to Increase Cybersecurity to Contractors Within the Department of Defense

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will create a sub agency within the CISA to
3 reduce cybersecurity risks with DoD contractors.

4 **SECTION 2.** "CISA" is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and assures the
5 security, reliability, and resilience of the nation's cyber systems. "DoD
6 contractors" are businesses or individuals that provide goods or services to the
7 Department of the Defense. "Cybersecurity" is defined as the practice of
8 protecting systems, networks, and programs from digital attacks.

9 **SECTION 3.** The CISA will oversee the sub agency that will strictly enforce the new
10 cybersecurity regulations for DoD contractors.

11 A. The sub agency will ensure that all networks and systems of contractors are
12 scanned for viruses, utilize multi factor authentication, and that network
13 vulnerabilities are reported in a timely manner.

14 B. Each violation by a DoD contractor will result in a \$50,000 fine.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on October 1, 2026

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **Region 9.***

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 2, Item 1

A Resolution to Sanction China for Acts of Genocide

1 **WHEREAS,** The People’s Republic of China is currently committing genocide against
2 the Tibetans and Uyghurs;

3 **WHEREAS,** Forced sterilizations, internment camps, the dismemberment of families,
4 and mass sexual assault are common, allowing for the delineation as a
5 genocide. Genocide is defined as the deliberate attempted extinction of
6 an entire religious or ethnic group;

7 **WHEREAS,** China has signed the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, of which articles
8 3 and 6 clearly state, “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security
9 of person,” and “Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a
10 person before the law,” respectively, both of which genocide violates;

11 **WHEREAS,** In order to uphold the sanctity of human life and the credibility of the
12 United Nations; be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will recommend the
14 implementation of economic sanctions against China due to acts
15 of genocide against the Uyghurs and Tibetans.

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Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 2, Item 2

A Bill to Increase Maternal Leave After Birth to Support Postpartum Mental Health and Bonding

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill establishes a right to paid maternal leave. Any business
3 employing more than 4 workers must give a minimum of 12 weeks paid
4 maternal leave to a person who has given birth in the period immediately
5 following the birth.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:

7 A. Paid maternal leave is paid at the full average salary of the person
8 taking leave.

9 B. The person taking leave must have been continuously employed by
10 the employer for a minimum of 9 months prior to applying for the
11 paid maternal leave.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor is responsible for enforcing this legislation.

13 A. The Department of Labor shall establish an Office of Maternal Leave
14 Enforcement, authorized to issue fines for violation of this legislation.

15 B. Fines for violation shall be issued in the amount of \$1000 per day, per
16 violation.

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

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 19.

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 2, Item 3

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.***

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 3, Item 1

A Bill to Abolish the Federal Death Penalty in the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal death penalty shall be abolished in the United States. All
3 pending and current federal death row sentences shall be commuted to
4 life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Death penalty will be defined by 18 U.S. Code §§ 3591-93.

6 B. Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole will be defined by
7 28 U.S. Code § 994.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

9 A. The Department of Justice shall coordinate with federal judicial
10 systems to ensure the commutation of existing death sentences under
11 federal law to life imprisonment without parole.

12 B. The Department of Justice shall establish a review board to monitor
13 compliance and address any legal challenges related to the commutation
14 of sentences.

15 C. Transfer all federal funding currently used to impose the federal death
16 penalty to the Department of Justice in order to fund the cost of lifetime
17 incarceration for current federal death row inmates.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **Region 7.***

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 3, Item 2

A Bill to Ban Hostile Architecture to Benefit America's Homeless

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This Congress finds that in reviewing the Martin V. Boise Ninth Court
3 decision brutal or hostile architecture is in violation of the Eighth
4 Amendment and thus, Congress will pass a law preventing the use of
5 hostile or brutal architecture by cities.

6 **SECTION 2.** Hostile Architecture means all architecture designed with the intent to
7 prevent homeless people from using the architecture for activities other
8 than its typical purpose.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Interior will instruct states and cities to
10 reconstruct or tear down architecture designed to exclude homeless
11 people from their usage.

12 A. The Department of Interior will have yearly random audits on cities
13 around the United States to check compliance.

14 B. Any city found in noncompliance will have their federal funding
15 reduced by 10% for the following 3 years or until compliance is met.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill once passed will go into effect January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by **Region 16.***

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Round 3, Item 3

A Bill to Eliminate Wall Street Speculation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All Stock Market trades of Stocks and derivatives will be subject to a small
3 tax. Trades would be taxed at a rate of 0.5 percent for stocks and 0.05
4 percent for derivatives.

5 **SECTION 2.** Stock Market Speculation - buying and selling financial instruments like
6 stocks, and derivatives with the primary goal of making a profit from
7 short term price fluctuations, underlying value of stock assets.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission, in conjunction with The Federal
9 Trade Commission will oversee the implementation and enforcement of
10 this bill.

11 A. Failure to comply would be subject to a maximum \$5 million fine and
12 up to 20 years imprisonment.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 8.

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Finals, Item 1

A Bill to Ban the Use of Public Funds for Private Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Private Schools shall not receive any public funds from federal or state
3 governments in any form including, but not limited to: vouchers,
4 Education Savings Account (ESA) or tax credits.

5 **SECTION 2.** Education savings accounts (ESAs): States set aside money in individual
6 accounts for students. Vouchers are defined direct payments that
7 government pays parents or tax credits which are parents receive tax
8 credits for private school tuition payments

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education would oversee the enforcement of this bill.

10 A. Taxpayers are to pay for the betterment of public programs not the
11 private sector including non-profits within the private sector.

12 B. Private schools are exclusive, therefore should be exclusively paid for
13 by the consumer of those services.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2028

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 11.

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Finals, Item 2

A Bill to Require Federally Elected Officials to be Cleared of any Legal Proceedings Before Taking Office to Avoid Conflicts of Interest or Impropriety

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federally elected officials shall resolve any/all legal proceedings they are
3 involved with before they are sworn into office.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Federally Elected officials shall be defined as individuals who have
5 been chosen through a voting process to hold a federal-level public
6 office.

7 B. Legal Proceedings shall be defined as the act of using a lawyer or a
8 court to help settle a disagreement.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Federal Judiciary will oversee the implementation of
10 this bill.

11 A. Any federally elected official who is not cleared of legal proceedings
12 within 60 days of swearing in forfeits the elected position.

13 B. Legal proceedings brought against federally elected officials while in
14 office shall recuse themselves from official proceedings until the legal
15 matter is resolved.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into immediate effect upon passage, in January 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 18

Cougar Clash Congress Docket

February 1, 2025 Finals, Item 3

The Democracy Act of 2024

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall require Ranked Choice Voting for elections of both
3 Senators and Representatives in all states, used with Multi-Member
4 Districts.

5 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting is defined as a system where each voter ranks
6 candidates for an office in order of preference.

7 **SECTION 3.** For Multi-Member Districts, For states with six or more Representatives,
8 districts must be fewer than the total Representatives, with elections
9 only for these districts.

10 A. Each district must have equal population as practicable per the U.S.
11 Constitution.

12 B. Each district elects 3 to 5 Representatives.

13 **SECTION 4.** States and Local Office Unchanged. – This Act does not affect how states
14 conduct elections for state or local offices or establish districts for such
15 elections.

16 **SECTION 5.** Expanding the Size of the House. – The number of Representatives shall
17 be the total U.S. population divided by the population of the smallest
18 state.

19 **SECTION 6.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2026.

20 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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