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## PRELIMS: A Resolution to Secure the Amazon

1     **WHEREAS,**     The Amazon rainforest represents one of the greatest natural barriers on  
2                     earth to the impending global climate crisis caused by climate change;  
3                     and

4     **WHEREAS,**     The Amazon contains one of the richest areas of biodiversity on the  
5                     planet; and

6     **WHEREAS,** Further unrestrained deforestation in the Amazon will lead to a dieback  
7     in which the forest turns into a Savannah, thereby releasing vast  
8     quantities of CO2 into the atmosphere; and

9     **WHEREAS,**     Current slash-and-burn techniques ravage remaining forest areas in the  
10                   Amazon, put indigenous populations in grave danger, and further  
11                   contribute to the climate crisis by releasing great quantities of CO2; and

12     **WHEREAS,** Brazil is currently unwilling and unable to enforce environmental laws  
13             aimed at protecting the Amazon, and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro  
14             has shown antipathy towards the destruction of the Amazon; and

15     **WHEREAS,**     The destruction of the Amazon represents a clear national security  
16                     concern; now, therefore, be it

17     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally declare  
18                     the destruction of the Amazon a threat to national security; and, be it

19     **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress encourage the President to deploy U.S. military  
20                     forces to secure the Amazon from the ravages of man-made  
21                     deforestation.

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## PRELIMS: A Bill to Declare Puerto Rico as an Autonomous State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall hereby be independent from the United States and will  
3 be recognized as an autonomous state. The United States will continue  
4 sending disaster relief for Puerto Rico and engage in open trade with the  
5 country to spur economic growth. The U.S. will also forgive all debt owed  
6 by Puerto Rico.

7 **SECTION 2.** An Autonomous State shall be defined as a country that is sovereign.  
8 Disaster relief shall be defined, but not limited to, aid sent for the  
9 purpose of repairing infrastructure due to storms within the past five  
10 years. Debt shall be defined as money owed specifically to the United  
11 States.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce, Department of Treasury, and Department  
13 of State shall be tasked with the implementation of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Commerce shall hereby forgive all debt owed to  
15 the United States by Puerto Rico and engage in open trade with  
16 Puerto Rico.

17 B. The Department of Treasury will provide foreign aid for the country of  
18 Puerto Rico.

19 C. The Department of State will oversee the secession of Puerto Rico  
20 from the United States.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the year 2024.

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

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## FINALS: A Bill to Establish Mental Health Care Programs within Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal prisons are required to establish accessible mental health  
3 programs.

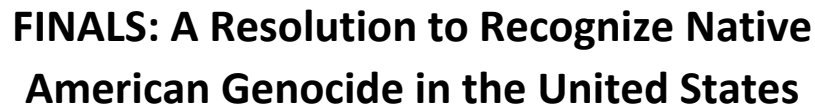
4 **SECTION 2.** “Mental health program” shall be defined as a program that utilizes  
5 psychotherapeutic and medical treatments in order to remedy the  
6 mental health issues of patients. “Accessible” shall be defined as being  
7 able to be accessed at least once a week.

8 **SECTION 3.** The IRS shall levy an additional 5% corporate tax on all private prison  
9 corporations in the United States in order to finance this legislation. The  
10 Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will be responsible for implementation and  
11 enforcement.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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