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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 C02; 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 RES	OLVED, That Congress encourage the President to deploy U.S. military
20		forces to secure the Amazon from the ravages of man-made
21		deforestation.

Thank you to Tascosa High School and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation.



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.	
	Thank you to Hebron High School and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation		



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

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FINALS: A Resolution to Recognize Native American Genocide in the United States

1	WHEREAS,	Genocide is defined by the UN as "acts committed with intent to destroy,
2		in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group"; and
3	WHEREAS,	on the international stage, the United States can't morally criticize other
4		nations for their acts of genocide when it refuses to recognize its own;
5		and
6	WHEREAS,	since its founding the United States has sought to erase Native cultures
7		for its own gain; and
8	WHEREAS,	Native territories were stolen and their societies destroyed to make way
9		for white settlement; and
10	WHEREAS,	Native populations were decimated by the United States, through forced
11		relocation, aggressive assimilation, and outright murder; and
12	WHEREAS,	Native Americans still endure widespread marginalization and oppression
13		in our nation; and
14	WHEREAS,	The United States need to take responsibility for its transgressions and
15		heal its relationship with the Native American community; now,
16		therefore, be it
17	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled that United States recognizes the
18		genocide it committed against Native Americans populations.

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