

The Order to Conserve Ecologies on the American Nation's Shores (O.C.E.A.N.S.)

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** The United States will identify riparian zones along
3. domestic coastlines of the Continental U.S. at risk of erosion
4. and ecological harm. These areas shall be designated as national
5. conservation areas and subject to federal protection.

6. **Section 2** "Riparian zones" are defined as coastal areas with
7. aquatic vegetation and animal habitat. These zones shall be
8. identified on all U.S. coasts, including land bordering the
9. Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Gulf of Mexico. These zones
10. shall extend one mile onto the land and up to three miles into
11. the water. No fishing or hunting may occur in these protected
12. zones.

13. **Section 3** The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) in
14. conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and
15. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) shall be responsible for the
16. implementation of this legislation.

17. **Section 3A** When applicable, the Endangered Species Act may be used
18. to conserve coastal land and prohibit future construction
19. projects.

20. **Section 3B** Any necessary funding for the implementation of this
21. legislation shall come from the aforementioned departments.

22. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect six months from passage.

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

Natural Disaster Insurance Restriction Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** Home insurance companies are hereby prohibited from
3. providing coverage for houses located in natural disaster-prone
4. areas (NDPAs) unless said houses adhere to disaster-resilient
5. construction guidelines. Those currently with home insurance
6. residing in NDPAs will be allowed to carry out their contract
7. terms, however, no new insurance shall be issued.

8. **Section 2** "Natural disaster-prone areas" (NDPAs) include regions of
9. the US where flooding, fires, and earthquakes are common, and
10. shall be identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
11. (FEMA). Citizens shall not be prohibited from constructing homes
12. or residing in these said areas, but will not be granted home
13. insurance unless the house is constructed to meet
14. disaster-resilient guidelines.

15. **Section 3** FEMA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development
16. (HUD) shall collaboratively identify NDPAs that are most threatening to
17. constituents' safety. These areas shall be publicly listed by
18. county and updated every five years.

19. **Section 3A** FEMA and HUD shall work together to establish
20. guidelines for disaster-resistant construction practices for
21. homes. Any individual seeking insurance for a home in a natural
22. disaster-prone area must adhere to said construction practices,
23. and have their home evaluated prior to applying for insurance.

24. **Section 3B** The HUD will be allocated \$5 billion USD over the next
25. ten years. Homeowners affected by this prohibition may apply for
26. federal grants to cover the cost of moving from these
27. disaster-prone areas through the HUD.

29. **Section 4** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Encourage Early Release for Non-Violent Offenders

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** Persons serving time in prison for non-violent offenses
3. shall be eligible to apply for early release. Upon release, these
4. individuals shall be enrolled in the newly founded Federal
5. Non-Violent Rehabilitation Program.

6. **Section 2** For the purposes of this legislation, "non-violent
7. offenses" refer to criminal offenses that do not involve the
8. physical use of force or threat of harm against another person,
9. animal, or public property. The "Federal Non-Violent
10. Rehabilitation Program" is a newly established welfare program
11. overseen by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

12. **Section 3** The DOJ shall establish guidelines and criteria for
13. determining eligibility for early release based on factors such
14. as the nature of the offenses, the individual's behavior and
15. conduct while incarcerated, and the potential for successful
16. reintegration into society.

17. **Section 3A** Individuals who wish to be considered for early release
18. shall write a letter of appeal, highlighting their behavior
19. while incarcerated and plan for self-sufficiency once released.
20. These letters shall be submitted for consideration along with a
21. report of the convict's behavior since their incarceration.
22. Individuals needing the least federal financial assistance,
23. especially those who plan to live with their families, shall be
24. given priority approval.

25. **Section 3B** Through the Federal Non-Violent Rehabilitation Program,
26. individuals granted early release shall be provided with
27. appropriate reentry support, including application assistance
28. related to housing programs and long-term employment.

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29. **Section 3C** The Federal Non-Violent Rehabilitation Program shall
30. enter a trial period of three years at the time of passage,
31. allocated \$30 billion annually. After evaluation of efficacy in
32. reducing recidivism, funding may be extended every eight years.
33. **Section 3D** 10% of state and federal funding for police departments
34. shall be collected and allocated toward this legislation. Any
35. further necessary funding will be allocated from the Department
36. of Defense (DOD).
37. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect 12 months from passage.
38. **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
39. declared null and void.