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A Bill to Establish Natural Disaster Insurance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal Natural Disaster Insurance Program (NDIP) is established.

3 **SECTION 2.** Natural disaster is defined as any damage inflicted by non-human causes.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee this legislation.

5 A. The NDIP will be compulsory for all Americans.

6 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 1, 2019.

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

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A Bill to Index Capital Gains to Inflation for Taxation Purposes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Short term and long term capital gains shall be adjusted for inflation
3 before being taxed.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Short-term capital gains shall be defined as profits from the sale of an
5 asset held for one year or less.

6 B. Long-term capital gains shall be defined as the profits from the sale of
7 an asset held for more than a year

8 C. Inflation shall be determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis's
9 calculation of the GDP deflator.

10 i. January 1st, 2019 will be used as the base marker for measures
11 of inflation.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service, in conjunction with the Department of
13 Commerce, shall implement this piece of legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2019

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure a More Democratic Supreme Court

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
3 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
4 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
5 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
6 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The Senate must re-confirm Supreme Court Justices every 20 years
9 following their original confirmation.

10 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
11 legislation.

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