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President Could Transform the Travel World (Humorous)

Now that the election for the U.S. President has been decided, my monthly pinochle card group, Tina, Gladys, and I, lashed out some campaign issues we would have used to sway the voter.

We thought you may agree or disagree. Since we are all frequent travelers (and you probably are, too), these were issues we felt we would promise if we were president:

- Ensure that every working man and woman receives on month of vacation a year.
- Strengthen airport security while reducing the amount of time it takes to get through it.
- Allot funds to make the necessary improvements to our ailing national parks.
- Give Amtrak all the money it needs to

become a sleek, efficient, and affordable means of transportation.

- Make every beach in the country a free, public-access beach.
- Introduce the teaching of foreign language beginning in first grade.
- Oversee the return of meals to all flights longer than 30 minutes.
- And those earphones you pay for? They're on me.
- Discuss with our British allies the possibility of free passage on the Queen Mary 2 for any young American who lives, studies, or travels abroad for at least one year.
- Convince the manufacturers of suitcases to come up with a new black.
- Ask the Historic Hotels of America to offer a 50 percent discount to anyone who ever got an "A" in history.
- See to it that every foreign visitor to this country, after getting photographed and fingerprinted, is given a Toll House cookie.
- Offer tax breaks to any restaurant that

uses those paper place mats that double as state maps.

- Gather the best minds from the National Institutes of Health, and see if we can finally find a cure for jet lag.
- Prohibit from boarding any plane, train, or bus male passengers past puberty who are wearing sleeveless shirts.
- End the absurdity of a one-way ticket costing more than a round-trip fare.
- Make it illegal for any hotel to place *USA Today* outside its rooms when a perfectly good local newspaper is available;
- Remove every other row in coach on domestic carriers, and strongly urge the world's leaders to follow my lead.
- Push through Congress a bill mandating that passengers who don't fit their carry-on bags into the overhead compartment on the first try must turn said bags over to a flight attendant and, before landing, write letters of apology to all the people seated in rows higher than their own.
- Approve discounts on Prozac for flight attendants. 📄