

Conference of States / Constitutional Convention

COUNCIL on DOMESTIC RELATIONS

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"CONFERENCE OF STATES" COULD LEAD TO RUNAWAY 1995 - CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

From Utah Governor Mike Leavitt's May '94 position paper on the planned Conference of States for this year:

"CONGRESS TRIED TO LIMIT THE CONVENTION'S AUTHORITY....

...by stating it would meet "for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation."
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SOME MODERN HISTORY

In 1964 the Ford and Rockefeller tax exempt foundations orchestrated the drafting of a new constitution for America. After 10 years and 40 drafts they had an acceptable plan. This project cost \$2.5mil per year and is called the Proposed Constitution for the NewStates of America. What are the NewStates of America? As explained in the document, America will be segmented into ten regions, not 50 separate, sovereign nations joined by the Constitution for the United States of America. There will be no state government elected by the people, just over-seers in the 10 regions with appointed bureaucrats to keep their sheeple in line. This is the plan of the International elite to more efficiently and effectively control the 250 million people in America under a World Government, the capitol of which will be the United Nations.

Our Bill of Rights will be replaced by "privileges" given to us by the world government and taken away at its whim. For example... Article 1A Sec.1 - "Freedom of expression shall not be abridged except in declared emergency". Article 1A Sec.8 - "The practice of religion shall be privileged". Article 1B Sec. 8 - "Bearing of arms shall be confined to the police, members of the armed forces, and those licensed under law." Article VIII states that the judge decides if there is to be a jury. It is very similar to the "constitutions" under which people in Russia and other Communist countries live. (As we're witnessing, Communism really isn't dead)

If this sounds unreal....think again. The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations spent 10 years and \$25 million to create this document. It would be folly to believe this investment is intended to be merely an exercise in political theory. The frightening reality is, the planners are serious in their efforts to impose a new constitution upon the people of America as we enter the "21st Century Global Marketplace".

Gov. Leavitt, whose picture appeared with our nation's most powerful and idolized conservative leaders (futurist Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole) and who is also spearheading the Conference of States might

agree. In his position paper on the Conference of States Leavitt said our government is "... outdated and old fashioned... not suited for the fast-paced, high-tech, global-marketplace we are entering. There is a better way".

In 1974, after the completion of the proposed NewStates Constitution, Nelson Rockefeller, then president of the U.S. Senate, engineered the introduction of HCR 28 calling for an unlimited Constitutional Convention (Con-Con) in 1976. Public opposition defeated this effort so the convention backers then went to the states promoting a "limited convention for the purpose of adding a balanced budget amendment". Since 1974 the advocates of a Con-Con convinced 32 of the required 34 states to pass resolutions calling for a convention. The last state to apply was Missouri in 1983 and since then legislators in three states (Alabama, Florida and Louisiana), having realized the dangers of this action rescinded their call.

In those years since 1983 the American people and certain dedicated state legislators have become aware of the dangers of a Con-Con and no state has made a call. Interestingly, the organizations who purport to be "conservative" are the strongest proponents of a convention. Foremost among them are the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), National Taxpayers' Union (NTU) Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Committee on the Constitutional System (CCS). (Then, there's Ross Perot) We've come to realize that, even though the "liberals" are blamed for the downfall of America, the phony conservative leaders have held the door open for them to do so. We urgently appeal to true conservative state legislators and Americans in all political parties to open their eyes to the fact that our political leaders, Democrat and Republican, share the same bunk.

WHY A CONFERENCE OF STATES?

The advocates of the Constitutional Convention have not been able to get resolutions passed through enough states (thank God); and now angry, courageous, pro-Constitutional state legislators (43 states) supported by millions of Americans are invoking the Constitution by passing and implementing the 10th Amendment State Sovereignty Resolution. This poses a real threat to plans for a World Order. In fact International Banker, David Rockefeller, (remember, their foundation funded the Proposed NewStates Constitution) in his acceptance speech at the UN Ambassador's dinner (9-23-94) where he was awarded the U.N.'s '94 medal of honor for his "lifetime commitment to world peace and cooperation", made a telling remark. He said, "...this present window of opportunity; during which a truly peaceful and interdependent world order might be built, will not be open for too long. Already there are powerful forces at work that threaten to destroy all of our hopes and efforts to erect an enduring structure of global cooperation". He referred to these powerful forces as "ruthless advocates of ethnic nationalism". Could we translate that to..."stalwart, committed, freedom loving Americans of all races"? How would you like to live in a world controlled by the likes of David Rockefeller, Baron DeRothschild, Kissinger, Boris Yeltsin and his mentor, Paul Weyrich? (A CDR networker has a video from '91 where Weyrich told Brian Lamb on C-Span he was in Russia training Yeltsin just before and after the coup).

WHY WOULD STATE LEGISLATORS SUPPORT THE COS ?

In Washington state, Representative Val Stevens introduced the resolution for participation in the Conference of States (COS). We're told by several of her colleagues she is a true conservative, and sponsored it only because she was not aware of the dangers involved. When the facts were laid before her, she gave her word to the people of Washington state it would never be calendared...."it's dead", she stated. We salute Rep. Stevens. We've learned there is a hierarchy in state legislatures and the legislative leaders rule the roost. For the most part, if the leader wants a bill or resolution passed the majority go along whether it's Constitutional or not or their legislation "will never see the light of day". This

resolution for the COS is being pushed by legislative leaders...so far Republican leaders. We pray there are thousands of state legislators with the courage and conviction of Val Stevens. The time has come for party politics, games, vote-trading and especially bowing to legislative leaders must stop or we will most surely lose our Constitution. There are many more Indians than Chiefs and there is strength in numbers.

RECONSTRUCTING HISTORY TO PLAY IT AGAIN ?

Even though the orchestrators of this COS aren't talking about a Constitutional Convention, the groundwork is being laid to declare a Convention when the meeting convenes in Philadelphia this year. In the COS position paper written by Governor Leavitt (or the ACIR) he speaks eloquently about the usurpation of powers by the federal government. He also noticeably ignores the strength and power of the 10th Amendment Sovereignty movement by legislatures in the states. "...despite all the talk there's very little real action or real improvement". "...everyone talks about the erosion of states' rights...no one really does anything about it." (What have we all been doing this past ten months?) "It is also important for reasons of efficiency, cost-effectiveness and global competitiveness." "This paper outlines a simple, powerful process for states...to take control of their own destinies...It is powerful because it relies upon precedents established by the Founding Fathers." Then he explains the events leading up to the first Constitutional Convention....."It is vitally important to see how the Founders solved the problems of the weak Confederation". (paraphrasing here)...Something had to be done. They called for a conference of states. Only five states responded, so they requested all states "send delegates to another meeting in Philadelphia on the second Monday of the following May" (1787). "As we all know, the delegates to the great Constitutional Convention in 1787 in Philadelphia did much more than that. They threw out the Articles of Confederation and drafted a new constitution".

The resolution for the 1995 Conference of States will provide for 5 delegates from each state...just like in 1787. The Governor, and four legislators (two Representatives and two Senators - equal party representation) and guess who selects the delegates? The four legislative leaders!

TO SAVE OUR CONSTITUTION - HERE'S WHAT YOU MUST DO !.....

Copy this message to every person you know...grass roots groups, associates, businesses. Make copies and hand out. Fax or mail to your state legislators. Urge them to oppose the Conference of States. Monitor your state by-weekly. State Legislators, please make copies and give to all of your colleagues. Lobby against the Conference of States. Invoke our Constitutional rights under the 10th Amendment and just say "NO" to un-Constitutional mandates.

For a full Con-Con info packet & NewStates Constitution - send \$10 to the CDR with your request.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP HER FREE

[From CDR ActionLine Message #63:]

STATE "LEADERS" - GOVERNORS - LEAD ASSAULT ON AMERICA

"CONFERENCE OF STATES" (COS) ALREADY IN 34 STATES

OUR CONSTITUTION AND 250million AMERICANS MAY BE AT THE MERCY OF 250
SELF-SELECTED DELEGATES IN PHILADELPHIA THIS YEAR!!

Corpus Juris Secundum (16 C.J.S. 9)

"The members of a Constitutional Convention are the direct representatives of the people(1)

and as such, they may exercise all sovereign powers that are vested in the people of the state.(2)

They derive their powers, not from the legislature, but from the people:(3)

and, hence, their power may not in any respect be limited or restrained by the legislature. Under this view, it is a Legislative Body of the Highest Order(4)

and may not only frame, but may also enact and promulgate a Constitution.(5)

1) Mississippi (1892) *Sproule v. Fredericks* 11 So. 472;

2) Iowa (1883) *Koehler v. Hill* 14 N.W. 738;

3) W. Virginia (1873) *Loomis v. Jackson* 6 W.Va., 613;

4) Oklahoma (1907) *Frantz v. Autry* 91 P. 193;

5) Texas (1912) *Cox v. Robison* 150 S.W. 1149

(Cases cited are State Supreme Court decisions. No cases have been found in the U.S. Supreme Court since it has never been tested. However, it is extremely doubtful the higher court would over-rule the State Justices by virtue of the consistency in their decisions. In any case, we dare not take the risk with our Constitution!)

ALL CONDITIONS EXIST TO DECLARE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AT THE

"CONFERENCE OF STATES " IN PHILADELPHIA THIS YEAR

Governor Leavitt and the State Legislative "Leaders" are vehemently denying this COS is geared for a Constitutional Convention (Con-Con). In addition to the above from C.J.S., let's examine the facts. You be the JUDGE.

As Leavitt points out in his position paper on the COS.... 1) This plan is powerful because it has historical precedence. Our founders felt the Articles of Confederation were too weak. Something must be done. 2) They called for a Conference of States. The first meeting was poorly attended so they requested all states send "officially sanctioned DELEGATES" to the next meeting in Philadelphia. 3) The delegates were selected and were given explicit instructions to meet for the "sole and exclusive purpose" of revising the Articles of Confederation. 4) The delegates disobeyed the state Legislatures and the Congress, declared a Constitutional Convention, threw out the Articles of Confederation and started over.

Leavitt says... 1) "Our government is outdated, old fashioned, not suited to the fast-paced, high-tech GLOBAL MARKETPLACE we are entering. There is a MUCH BETTER WAY". 2) Leavitt, along with ACIR adjuncts - Council of State Governments, Nat'l Governors' Assoc., and Nat'l Conference of State Legislators - hatch a scheme to repeat history. Governors and State Legislative "Leaders" call for a Conference of States to meet in Philadelphia. 3) They draft a Resolution for Participation in the COS.

Legislative "leaders" introduce it, by-pass committees, suspend rules and bring it to a vote before the people who elected them ever know what hit them. 4) The resolution stipulates five delegates shall be selected from each state to attend the COS... the Governor and four legislators selected by the "leaders". Since the leaders are not prohibited from selecting themselves we will presume they will select themselves. Now it really gets frightening. Roughly 250 "officially sanctioned self-selected delegates" will attend the COS in Philadelphia. Regardless what restrictions the state Resolution for Participation (or even the Congress) places upon them, they can disregard it, declare a Constitutional Convention, throw out our Constitution and start over.

Two-hundred elected state legislators bullying (or duping) the other 7,000? We pray it will not be so. Colorado Senator (majority "leader") Jeff Wells has added an amendment to his resolution that says if the COS declares a Con-Con Colorado will withdraw. That is mere "surplusage". It has no effect. The delegates to a Constitutional Convention have no higher authority because they represent (in essence become) the sovereign people.

"...we're not proposing a Constitutional Convention, we are proposing a Conference of States which will be a historic event -- the first time in 210 years states have come together in a convocation to say to the National Government, 'we intend to be full partners'. The Governors are behind this... all the state legislative leaders - both Republican and Democrat..." Utah Governor Mike Leavitt (R), Friday, January 27th on Paul Weyrich's NET (National Empowerment Television) Station. Governor Nelson of Nebraska (D), also on the show, said the COS will be a "moral and political gathering" (whatever in hell that means) of governors and legislator delegates who will "pass some resolutions" which will then be taken as a "Petition of the States" to Congress. Does the sovereign have to "petitions" its agent?

We would first ask Governor Leavitt and all the State Legislative Leaders who are ram-rodging this COS through the states to read our Constitution for the United States of America very carefully and tell us how you have interpreted the relationship between the states and the federal government (which is a creation of the sovereign people) to be a "partnership". The federal government was created as our "agent", with clear and limited powers (Art. I, Sec.8). All other powers are reserved to the states respectively, and to the people.

Governor Leavitt also said during the above conversation that, "States are caught in this dilemma -- we complain about it, nothing happens. ...States have to do something now - to step forward..." We then ask Governor Leavitt and the State Legislative Leaders who insist upon this COS, "Where in the world have you been for the past ten months while the 10th Amendment-State Sovereignty Resolution has been picked up by legislators in 46 of the states?". We're not talking about the "state leaders", we're talking about the body of legislators, (the Indians, not the Chiefs) some 150 in each state, as compared to one Governor, a Senate president, Speaker of the House and two majority leaders.

Ten states have passed the 10th Amendment Resolution, approximately 18 have introduced it and the remaining (but four) have sponsors in the process of introducing it. The 10th Res is a clear, concise and powerful message that the states are declaring sovereignty over the federal government (not begging to be partners), and sends a notice and demand to the federal government to "cease and desist immediately" all mandates outside the scope of its Constitutionally delegated authority. It doesn't address "unfunded" mandates as the COS orchestrators are doing, but "un-Constitutional" mandates, and you can bet that will take care of most or all "unfunded" mandates, because the majority of mandates forced upon the states over the past several decades have been un-Constitutional.

Certainly Leavitt and his cronies must be aware of the Constitutional muscle already being flexed by state legislators... i.e., in Pennsylvania legislators lifted weapons bans that had been placed by city ordinances

on Pittsburg and Philadelphia because it violated the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The Governor vetoed the bill and legislators over-rode the veto by 2/3 vote. The ban was lifted! Pennsylvania legislators also broke their contract with the EPA mandated emission control inspectors because it was unreasonable, unworkable and un-Constitutional.

Rep. Tom Armstrong, prime sponsor of the 10th Res (which passed Pennsylvania legislature unanimously) said in a letter to New Jersey Senators who were debating the issue, "... we as legislators began to realize the many problems the citizens of Pennsylvania would be faced with. ...Quite frankly, we became angered at yet another federal mandate outside the Constitutional bounds of our government structure. We took a step to say, 'enough is enough'. The federal government was formed to act as an agent of the states, not the other way around. We took the E.P.A. to task and called their bluff. And guess what? They blinked!..." Texas legislators passed a bill to stop their EPA mandated testing. Colorado will be introducing one, and the beat goes on. It's called invoking the Constitution, Governor Leavitt. (Yeah! for Pennsylvania, Texas, Colorado... all legislators in all states who are getting it. We salute you and thank you for doing your job and keeping your oath of office!!)

One more question. Where were all the "state leaders" when the 10th Amendment-State Sovereignty movement began? It's taken ten months to get 46 states on board and in just 3 weeks the Resolution for Participation in the COS has already passed through Utah and Virginia, one chamber of seven states and has been introduced in eighteen others. We have no idea which of the 25 states have introduced it. It happened when we blinked. Why didn't state governors jump this quickly on the 10th Amendment Resolution and urge their "state leaders" to run with it as they are doing the COS? "By their fruits ye shall know them". Can you imagine what we could have accomplished last year with that kind of support?

AMERICANS MUST UNITE - NOW - AS NEVER BEFORE !!!

Don't wait for further instructions. Copy this message to everyone you know and those you don't know. Fax it, mail it and take it personally to all legislators in your state. Don't assume someone else is doing it. Get it to other groups. We don't know which states it's in now. Call Legislative Information at your state capitol to find out the status. All state legislators who receive it - please copy to all your colleagues. Vote "NO" for the Res on the COS" Get it to radio talk show hosts who really care about America and preserving our Constitution.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA

MORE PROOF

[More in depth info](#) about the COS danger to our Constitution.

Learn more about who is behind the COS.

[CDR's interview](#) of a networker who "slipped" into a confidential COS planning meeting at an island facility owned by Mobile Oil.

Congress tries to give Article 5 authority via [SR-82](#) for the COS to convene as a Con-Con.

[CDR's debate challenge](#) to governor Leavitt, his declination response, and our open letter pointing out what Governor Leavitt and his gang of COS proponents don't want you and your state legislators to

know.

NOTEWORTHY OPINIONS

1983 letter from Chief Justice Warren Burger to Phyllis Schlafly addressing the dangers of a Con-Con.

Letter from two Florida State University constitutional law professors to the Florida State Legislature warning of the COS dangers of becoming a Con-Con.

Press Release and Letter to Colleagues from Massachusetts State Senator Bob Headlund warning of the COS dangers.

Letter from California Lawyer Lapiscopo warning of the COS dangers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Send some of this info to your state legislators with our suggested cover letter.

Get our complete COS / CON-CON info package for good hard-copy of all (and more) of our web page info about this issue.

Read an analysis of the "playing field" as it relates to the battle to stop the COS.

Learn more about the strategy being used to stop the COS and promote the "real" 10th Amendment movement.

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