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Testimony in support of SCR 4003

A Resolution calling for the rescission of North Dakota's 2017 application for a "Convention of States" Article V Constitutional Convention.

We all remember the story of King Midas, the greedy king who wished that everything he touched might turn to gold. When his wish was granted he became so excited, he almost swooned! Feverish with excitement, he collapsed in his throne and called for something to slake his thirst. A lowly servant appeared with a goblet of wine. And you know the rest of the story. The goblet turned to gold, and so did the wine, and so did the bread, and the chunk of cheese, and the beautiful, juicy grapes... and Midas died of starvation.

The moral of the story is, "Be careful what you wish for. Your wish might come true!"

In 2017 a dozen legislators who fervently wished to solve the huge problems created by the bloated, greedy, tyrannical central government promoted a proposal to apply for an Article V constitutional convention to "impose fiscal restraints" on... and to "limit the power and jurisdiction of" the federal government. On the surface, it sounded so good, and so easy!

I have photocopied one newspaper article from that period which plugs the proposal, but hints at the exhaustive discussion and debate that has dogged the issue ever since the House and Senate caught the fever, and adopted the resolution. In 2017, The so-called Convention of States was on a roll, but in the eight years that have passed since then the proposal has declined in popularity, and is presently dying on the vine. Unfortunately, there was no time limit put on this proposal to save it from this kind of death by old age, so it plods along succumbing to death by irrelevance instead.

Article V of the US Constitution specifies that Congress "shall call a convention for proposing amendments" when two-thirds of the several states shall have applied for one, that's 34 states! Proponents have not been able to push their project over the finish line. Not only has the COS not been able to advance, it has suffered several setbacks when such states as Colorado and New York rescinded their earlier enthusiastic applications. Why is this happening? Perhaps it's the simple instinct to survive. There are too many contradictions. Too many assurances that this convention is fool-proof and nothing can possibly go wrong. Americans have been fooled too often and we're getting wise to a con!

Proponents continue to try to sell this notion that "nothing can go wrong!" But behind the familiar faces of folks we know and like and WANT TO TRUST, there are the plenty of red flags hoisted high and flapping in the howling winds. Some of you may be old enough to

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“And I will tell you there are 5 Million people in this country ... that are signed up for convention of states. Right here, there are 90,000 in this state. 90,000!”

The question was asked, will this help pass constitutional carry? The answer is hell yes, it will! Because right now, our activists are very angry with gun rights organizations in this state. And they'll not support anything that these gun organizations are doing, because they're now sworn enemies on Article V. ... But I will say, on Kim Stoller's organization, they should be working with these organizations. Every one of those 90,000 should be signed up with these organizations and members of these organizations fighting for everything they [the gun organizations] want.”
[1:21:21 – 1:22:05]

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Look behind the Curtain

This push for an Article V Convention is the most vicious bait and switch ever perpetrated on the American People. It's all about getting a new Constitution under the pretext of getting amendments. ⁵ If Congress calls an Article V convention, Robbie George's proposed Constitution, or another just as tyrannical, can be proposed. ⁶ And since any new Constitution will have its own new mode of ratification (such as a national referendum), it's sure to be approved.

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Endnotes:

¹ With the **Militia Act of 1792**, Congress *required* all able-bodied male Citizens in the Country (with a few exceptions) between the ages of 18 and under 45 to buy a rifle, bayonet, ammo & ammo pouch, and report to their local Militia Unit for training. States may not lawfully do anything to interfere with this constitutional grant of power to Congress.

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