

HJR 2 Proponent Testimony by W. Charles Phillips

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chairman Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Committee.

My name is William C Phillips from Dayton, OH.

I'm here today advocating for HJR 2 a resolution joining 19 other states calling for a national convention of states.

This legislation sitting on your desk, in your time in office will or will not be passed onward towards only from this committee, your committee's actions or inaction. History shall record that this time, your time, will become noted as when we as Ohioans sit on our hands or not.

It is my and many Ohioans's strong belief a Convention of States is required to rein in an ever enlarging federal administrative bureaucracy pushing ever so harder into the everyday lives of Ohio citizens.

Let me give you a clear example from my own personal experience. About 1959 or so, the local public school I attended in Onslow County, NC received a notice from the federal government that the government was going to OFFSET some of the cost in higher school enrollments that are impacted by nearby military installations. The government passed on to the school that year \$50 annually for each student where a parent was employed by the nearby installation. I note here that this payment came with a strong statement of "No Strings Attached", in the government's own words.

Compare this with something now some 50+ years later where we see all sorts of constraints and mandates by the federal government pushed onto public schools even to the point of who can pee in the girl's restroom. Imagine, if you can how ill meaning boys with too much energy can play havoc inside the leeway some of these rules cause such as was a case in Loudoun County, Virginia recently where a young girl student was raped.

This absolutely shows, proves to me with federal dollars come mandates that become shackles.

Bee hives that are closed up will not produce honey but bee starvation. A free people can not stay free with unlimited, unelected, unaccountable bureaucracy who don't hold our values important in their edicts that encroach repeatedly into the lives of ordinary peaceful Ohio citizens.

I will conclude my remarks with two thoughts from the Bible

from Exodus 18:25

Moses created rulers of thousands, hundreds, fifty, tens of the 630K military age men to assist him.

When Moses called a general staff meeting, he faced

Rulers of 1,000 = 650--Rulers of 100 = 6,500--Rulers of 50's 13,000--Rulers of 10 = 65,000

Total = 85,100 staff potentially in the meeting

Yet out of this likely chaotic group came order, progress, eventually a completed journey.

Please don't fear unruliness that may play on your minds, for out of a COS shall come orderly resolves.

from Joshua 24:15.

..... choose now what you will follow and diligently go there.

..... but for me and my house, we shall go this way...

I encourage this committee to choose wisely and press onward endorsing HJR2 in our journey towards a Convention of States.

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