The Silent Tyranny By Bill Walker

No taxation without representation! The shot heard round the world! Remember the Alamo! 54/40 or Fight! Remember the Maine! Remember Pearl Harbor! Remember 9/11! These expressions are quite familiar to Americans. Each remind us of an incident in American history that served as a rallying cry for Americans to fight against tyranny. Here's another one:

Remember 03/13/1908!!!

Never heard of 3/13/08? Not surprising. It is what can be termed, The Silent Tyranny. Friday, March 13, 1908 was the date that the 31st state, the state of Washington, submitted an application to Congress for an Article V Convention call, some 106 years ago. As there were 46 states in the union at the time this meant the two-thirds requirement necessary to cause Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments as specified by Article V of the United States Constitution was satisfied. Under the terms of the Constitution Congress was mandated to call a convention. Congress did not and has not called a convention. Congress under both federal law and the Constitution are bound to obey the Constitution under their oaths of office. Congress did not and has not. Congress ignored the law of the Constitution. Congress ignored the law. On that day the government rejected the authority of the Constitution. No one realized it but our form of government changed that day. On March 13, 1908, the era of the Constitution and constitutional law ended. The era of Silent Tyranny by National Government began.

Think I'm wrong? Then ask yourself this question: what followed 3/13/08? After 3/13/08, the Federal Reserve happened. Income tax happened. The states losing representation in Congress happened. Obamacare happened. Undeclared wars happened. Citizens United happened. The rise of government bureaucrats happened. Government conspiracies happened. The list is endless. Much of this happened quietly, behind the scenes for the most part, possessing the appearance of democracy but none of the attributes—in short the Silent Tyranny. A tyranny possessing the appearance of democracy but put in place so stealthily, so quietly, and so pervasively those enslaved didn't even realize they now wore chains. Some even championed their use.

Recently John Guise, a long time convention supporter gathered from FOAVC records the state applications that caused a convention call together with a table showing the order of application, the state, the date of application, the number of states in the union and what two-thirds of that number was. The material can be read here.

Those who read this material and then say the statement made here that the states have applied in sufficient number to cause a convention call is wrong are hereby issued this challenge: PROVE IT. Some will assert "rescissions" of the states have affected that number (ignoring the fact that this event occurred in 1908 and the first recorded rescission for the purpose of correcting a typographical error didn't occur until 1947). Others will claim applications must be for the same amendment subject and hence applications for different subjects cannot "count."

As to the former assertion, if true because the states did satisfy the Constitution in 1908, then proof that rescissions have such legal effect must be found in the Constitution as NO ONE has ever asserted that once reached the two-thirds mark can be nullified by either Congress or the states. As to the latter, again present the evidence where an official body in authority to make such a determination has ever made it. In short, PROVE IT.

TO BOTH I RESPOND—PROVE IT. PRESENT YOUR EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC LAW, PUBLIC RECORD, PUBLIC COURT RULING WHICH PROVES YOUR ALLIGATION. I can present Supreme Court rulings at any time PROVING amendment subject has no bearing on the amendment process. I can present Supreme Court rulings at any time PROVING rescissions, otherwise known as nullification is unconstitutional and states do not have the right to nullify a federal record once the state has submitted its application to Congress. TO OTHERS THAT SAY I'M WRONG, I SAY PROVE IT.

To those who say a convention is a threat I say PROVE IT. PROVE any convention ever held in this nation was a threat to those who held it. PROVE with evidence people who will be convention delegates WILL propose a new constitution. PROVE a convention has the authority to revise the ratification process WITHOUT such proposal first being ratified first. PROVE, not with speculation, not with wild charges but concrete PROOF the convention IS a threat. For if a convention is a threat then so is the Constitution. Does that document not only provide for a convention but for FREE SPEECH, THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY and countless other rights as well? Have these all rights at one time or another been labeled a THREAT by someone? But in spite of these "threats", here we are—free. How can something threaten us that sets us free?

Finally to those who have a "plan" or "agenda" for a specific amendment proposal and therefore believe they must get "their" applications and "the others don't count," let me ask you a question. If the other applications for other amendments "don't count" what makes you think yours will IF you ever get the applications in the first place? Don't you think it's about time you took your head out of your posterior region and realized that when you already have something achieved it makes a whole lot more sense to use it and get what you really want rather than sitting around reinventing the wheel? Which will it be—your amendment passes in a convention or getting more applications Congress will not recognize because everyone is so busy getting meaningless applications they ignore the real issue—refusal by Congress to count the applications and call the convention?

Until I am PROVED wrong, the admissions of the federal government official obtained in my federal lawsuit before the Supreme Court in 2006 stands as the absolute PROOF of the following. A convention call is based on a simple numeric count of applying states with no terms or conditions. Congress is in violation of the Constitution. Congress is in criminal violation of its oaths of office to obey the Constitution. All this was admitted to by the government and it has NEVER repudiated its statement. As to why the Silent Tyranny did this, I have no answer. I can only state, as a matter of public record, they did. Confront the enemy. Demand an end to Silent Tyranny. Call Congress out now!

Remember: Friday March 13, 1908.