

The Nightmare Amendments from “COS’s” simulated convention & why South Carolina should defeat H 3205 & all other applications for an Article V Convention

"The politician that undertakes to improve a Constitution with as little thought as a farmer sets about mending his plow, is no master of his trade. If that Constitution be a systematic one, if it be a free one, its parts are so necessarily connected that an alteration in one will work an alteration in all; and this cobbler, however pure and honest his intentions, will, in the end, find that what came to his hands a fair and lovely fabric goes from them a miserable piece of patchwork." [Daniel Webster, 4th of July Oration, 1802.](#)

Our US Constitution delegates only a handful of powers to the fed gov't. [This one page chart](#) lists the powers. But everyone ignores our Constitution – even State Legislators often don't know what it says. The mess around us is the result of *ignoring* our Constitution.

But Mark Meckler's Convention of "States" organizations ("COS") insist we must *amend* the Constitution to "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government", and claim we can get amendments to do that at an Article V convention.

But our Constitution already limits the power and jurisdiction of the fed gov't to a mere handful of powers! Furthermore, it's impossible to rein in the fed gov't with amendments because when the fed gov't usurps powers not delegated, *they are ignoring the existing limitations on their powers.*

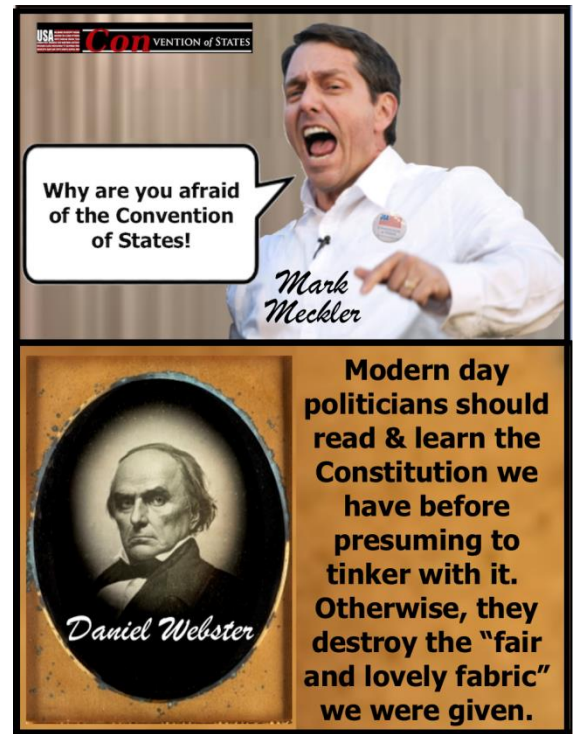
Accordingly, "COS" can't produce even one amendment which would fix the violations of our Constitution.

During Sep. 2016, with great fanfare and hoopla, "COS" staged a 3-day simulated convention at Williamsburg, Virginia, apparently to make us believe that at a convention called by Congress under Article V of our Constitution, the Delegates would not write a new Constitution; but would do nothing more than propose *wise amendments* which would "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government".

Most of the Delegates to the simulated convention were Republican State Legislators. [HERE](#) is the list of Delegates from each State. **The Delegates from South Carolina were Representatives Bill Taylor and Ralph Kennedy and Senator Larry Grooms. They voted for all 6 of the nightmare amendments!**

The Delegates to the simulated convention approved six amendments which would dramatically *increase* the powers of the fed gov't. The texts of the six amendments and how Delegates from the States voted, are [HERE](#). In a nutshell:

- One of the amendments would make Congress's existing - and unconstitutional - practice of spending wildly on whatever they want, *constitutional* for as long as Congress continues to approve increases in the debt.



- Another would delegate to the fed gov't dictatorial new powers over individual Americans such as I witnessed some 45-50 years ago in Communist Central & East Europe and the Soviet Union: *it delegates to the fed gov't total power over the "movement" or "transportation" of "persons" across state lines!* The amendment also would delegate to the fed gov't additional soviet style dictatorial powers over Americans.
- With a term limits amendment, elected members of Congress would be like train cars passing in the night – the real power would be solidified in the nameless, faceless, un-elected bureaucrats who infest the Executive Branch. It thus transfers power *from* the People *to* the Deep State; & doesn't address the real problem [[link](#)].
- Under our existing Constitution, only Congress has the power to make law [Article I, §1], but one of the amendments would transform into "law" every word, order, dictate, ruling, or opinion issued by anyone *in the Executive Branch* of the fed gov't.
- Another would authorize Congress to impose a national sales tax and a national value added tax.
- Another would legalize the regulatory administrative law state and rulemaking by federal executive agencies. All those rules and rulemaking are now unconstitutional as in violation of Article I, §1, and as outside the scope of the enumerated powers.

So the amendments **don't** "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government" – they would *increase* the powers of the fed gov't by legalizing powers the fed gov't has already usurped, by delegating new powers over Americans, and by stripping Americans of their right to choose those who exercise the real power. [For details, see [COS Project's "simulated convention" dog and pony show and what they did there.](#)]

There is no amendment on the face of this Earth which can control those who ignore the Constitution. So why the intense push for an Article V Convention?

The convention lobby is funded by Big Money [primarily the Koch Foundations and George Soros]. They want a new Constitution for this Country. As our Framers knew, the way to get a new Constitution is at an Article V convention [[link](#)]. *That* is the real agenda behind this push for a convention; and they are exploiting State Legislators to get it, by falsely promising them that at a convention, they can get amendments to "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government".

Statecraft is serious business – it takes systematic study of history, political philosophy, and original source documents to master. If there is a convention, the Delegates are certain to propose a new Constitution with its own new and easier mode of ratification, such as a national referendum. Read the proposed new Constitutions already out there [[link](#)]; and you too will, like James Madison, "tremble for your Country". **And be sure to read the gun-grabbing new Constitution already co-authored by Mark Meckler's "COS" Legal Advisory Board Member, Robert P. George [[link](#)]!**

The push for Congress to call an Article V Convention is a bait & switch con game.