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**A Constitutional View of HB315- “an Act relating to juries in criminal cases”**

By Mark W. Eck

House Bill 315 is meant to define the right of the juries to not only judge the guilt of the defendant in a criminal case, but also to judge the logic and constitutionality of the law for which the accused is being charged with. More importantly, this bill would limit the ability of the judicial branch in Alaska to remove a potential juror from a jury because they know their rights. Furthermore, this allows the defendant to inform a jury of their rights to acquit based on the judgment of a law, and allows the prosecution to rebut this evidence.

The bill introduced by Rep. Tammy Wilson and Cosponsored by Scott Kawasaki in February of 2014 was heard on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> by the House Judicial Committee, although only prosecutors and lawyers were heard at the hearing. The Judicial committee guaranteed a further date for hearing public testimony, although did not set a date. It took several people calling Chair of the Judicial Committee Wes Keller of District 1 and pressure from Rep. Wilson’s office to announce a hearing on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 1pm. After pressure on the Michael Duke’s show on Tuesday from caller and long time Jury rights advocate Frank Turney, Doug Issacson promised to cosponsor the bill, and filed the appropriate paperwork that evening.

This bill is important because it not only secures our rights as Jurors; it puts much needed restrictions on the judicial branch. It is widely known that in several courts of Alaska, the judge asks the potential jurors if there is anyone who believes in Jury rights, and if anyone admits that they do, they are asked to leave. This is a major violation of our rights and our ability to fight tyranny. This bill, should it become law, is an important step to reining in over reaching government, and sending a message to government that we the people are not serfs, but rather we are the sovereign judges

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***"The trouble with fighting for human freedom is that one spends most of one's time defending scoundrels. For it is against scoundrels that oppressive laws are first aimed, and oppression must be stopped at the beginning if it is to be stopped at all." -- H. L. Mencken***

of the laws government attempts to place upon us. The constitution is a device to restrain and govern government, not the people, a concept that needs reiterated, and this law is a good start to doing so.



## Government Tyranny Silences Young Statesman by False Imprisonment; Young Wife and Children Paying the Price

By Randle Patrick Henry

(DENVER, CO) - March 16, 2014 - We have reached a time in our history when all a man has to do is speak the truth to be railroaded into a jail cell by our government. Benjamin Franklin said "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." This was Schaeffer Cox's only crime, teaching people to stand together against an overreaching government. His reward was to be convicted of a series of false charges supported only by the testimony of provocateurs that stood to gain by taking down an innocent man.

On Wednesday, March 5th a group of supporters met in conference to discuss the ongoing appeal of Schaeffer Cox, Alaska community leader, father, husband and current U.S. political prisoner. Mr. Cox recently filed a motion asking to have his current court appointed public defender, Seattle Attorney Suzanne Elliott, removed for cause. The group announces the formation of the Advisory Council (AC) for the "Free Schaeffer Cox" legal defense fund. Following the AC meeting, one member of the advisory board, appeals attorney and longtime friend, Fairbanks Attorney Robert John issued the following statement:

*“As an experienced appellate attorney, I have every reason to believe that there will be a most positive outcome in Schaeffer Cox's appeal -- if the best issues are raised. From the work I did in assisting Schaeffer's federal trial attorney with motions and jury instructions, I sincerely believe that there are serious issues commencing with the outrageous conduct of the government and its informants in threatening, intimidating, stealing from, and ultimately holding hostage an obviously-drained-and-exhausted Schaeffer in Fairbanks via a coercive ruse. I equally believe that there are issues with the way the jury was instructed as to the most-serious charges, allowing for Schaeffer to be convicted of a non-existent conspiracy, one that was a malicious figment of the government's desire to punish a person who dared to speak up and point out the dangerous direction the U.S. is veering under an utter lack of responsible leadership.*

*“Furthermore, at trial, Schaeffer was shackled as the judge not only prevented the jury from being instructed on Schaeffer's defenses to one or more of the weapons charges but also deprived Schaeffer of his constitutional right to testify fully in his own behalf. Then the case was tilted further for the government by suppressing the Government's own recordings that would have placed matters in their true context and would have allowed the jury to properly understand Schaeffer's state of mind as the government was working its impermissible ploy to create a crime and a criminal where none existed.*

*“This case is by far the worst travesty of justice I have encountered in my 25-year legal career. An inspirational and truly-gifted young man with so much to offer is wrongfully imprisoned -- leaving his lovely wife to raise, for three years now, what were a month-old daughter and a two-year-old son. From the broader perspective, the precedent of government repression that Schaeffer's case presents is an atrocity whose kin can be found somewhat in the police tactics employed in our country in the 1960s and 70s, but more closely in the repressive regimes that controlled much of Europe and Asia during large parts of the 20th Century. This we must all strive to reverse. To prevail in Schaeffer's appeal will be a good step, and perhaps a giant leap, in the right direction.”*

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Other members of the founding advisory council include nationally known constitutional scholar and teacher, Michael Badnarik and blog talk radio host of Walls in Our Minds, Terry Dodd. Also on the Advisory Council are family friends and activists from Alaska and the lower 48.

For more information and to learn how you can help, please go to <http://FreeSchaefferCox.com>

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi



**SB 189 - The Contractor Mafia.** March 31, 2014

Submitted by Pamela Goode, Delta Junction

I am writing to express concern about SB 189. Generally speaking I believe in a free market economy, as do all elected officials during the campaign years. Unfortunately, all too often after the election is over, and legislators are no longer under the scrutiny of the citizen, we find them huddled together with bureaucrats and lobbyists. The bureaucrat has the tendency to believe that a free market can not function without the bureaucrat leading it about on a leash, at the expense of the public treasury of course. The lobbyist has the tendency to exploit the powers of the bureaucrat through the legislative process, in order to steer the free market into the lobby's sphere of influence. To sum it up, the triumvirate of lobbyist, legislator, and bureaucrat really believe in a domesticated and firmly yoked market place.

SB 189 is a fine example of trying to domesticate a sector of the free market. The contractors are obviously forming a common interest to line their pockets by driving up the costs of construction and squeezing out competition. They do this by having more capitol and using arbitrary standards that they have had a hand in making; to make it more difficult for those with less capitol to engage in construction as competitors. They complain of non-licensed contractors taking business away from them by cutting costs that those licensed can not cut.

In other words the non-licensed builder is more efficient, competitive, and attractive to a home buyer. In Alaska, a state with an artificial housing shortage created by the state refusing to sell its surplus of land, housing prices are obscenely high. The cost of a new home is artificially high and any way that a home buyer can cut the cost and shorten the life of his mortgage is heartily welcomed.

To the licensed contractors I suggest that the non-licensed contractor is not your enemy. I suggest that it is the entire edifice of regulation and state mandated licensing that is your enemy. You want a level playing field, then simply lobby to remove the licensing requirements entirely. Then you will have a free hand to be more price competitive. After all, the licensing requirements were instituted long ago in order to create a monopolistic guild of contractors, by contractors and for contractors. Long ago contractors inflicted this wound on themselves by demanding the state give them a monopoly.

The bureaucrat then steps in and says, "Yes, I can guarantee your monopoly, but I must have power to fine and jail the competition, and also a good salary with a fine benefit package." If we found that we did not need the bureaucrat's services then he might be forced to look for real work producing real things, like building houses. What a shame that would be! The former bureaucrat might get a blister handling hand tools.

***“Logic is man’s method of reaching conclusions objectively by deriving them without contradiction from the facts of reality—ultimately, from the evidence provided by man’s senses. If men reject logic then the tie between their mental processes and reality is severed; all cognitive standards are repudiated, and anything goes; any contradiction, on any subject, may be endorsed (and simultaneously rejected) by anyone, as and when he feels like it.”***

-Any Rand “Nazism and Subjectivism,” *The Objectivist*, Feb. 1971

The problem then arises, how shall we finance the salary of this defender of monopoly, for he produces nothing that can be sold or bought? The legislator steps in and says, "I have an idea, the home owner shall pay for it in property tax, after all we are there to protect him from being cheated by unscrupulous un-licensed contractors." Yes, and in New York City there are well dressed Italian men who will, "protect," your small business from criminals that would rob you and beat you up, for a fee, of course. It just so happens that the criminals are well dressed Italian men also.

But someone might put forth the thoughtful observation that if you have to pay property tax to retain your own property, in truth it is no longer really yours. You have thus become a peasant tenant, like in far away England of bygone days; the place that our ancestors fled in droves to be free men owning their own land and homes. This new scheme of property taxes and a protection racket of licensed contractors with bureaucratic enforcement of the state, it is not truly free or American in spirit. It is not a free market.

I suggest that perhaps the buying and selling of houses is the business of buyers and sellers only, and that the contractor/legislator/bureaucrat coalition has no business interfering in that transaction. If a buyer is misled by the fraud of the seller, then they can sue them in court for damages. It is the buyer's responsibility to demand proof of quality and safety, not the state. If they are not satisfied with what is being sold, then don't buy it. Like most things in the free market, keeping it free and making it competitive makes for better products. In this case it would make for better homes at more affordable prices.

Those contractors that cut corners and do substandard work will soon find they can't sell their product and go out of business. I suggest to the licensed contractor that instead of trying to force the market place with government coercion, to enrich yourselves and crush the competition; make a better house and advertise that it was built by a licensed/bonded contractor. If such standards are really necessary, the home buyers will stampede to you and bypass the un-licensed builder. This is an issue of freedom and self determination.

The state should stay out of the marketplace and leave it to the courts to remedy fraud through civil suit. I realize that such a sensible solution goes against the entire scheme of things as they now are, but we have to begin somewhere. Perhaps SB 189 could be the starting point for a new way of doing business in a free market by not supporting it.

Senators, thank you for your time and attention.

It's not too late to submit a public comment on SB 189.

Submitted to The Woodshed by Pamela Goode, Delta Junction



## **Deflating the Deflation Myth**

**Mises Daily:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 by Chris Casey

The fear of deflation serves as the theoretical justification of every inflationary action taken by the Federal Reserve and central banks around the world. It is why the Federal Reserve targets a price inflation rate of 2 percent, and not 0 percent. It is in large part why the Federal Reserve has more than quadrupled the money supply since August 2008. And it is, remarkably, a great myth, for there is nothing inherently dangerous or damaging about deflation.

Deflation is feared not only by the followers of Milton Friedman (those from the so-called Monetarist or Chicago School of economics), but by Keynesian economists as well. Leading Keynesian Paul Krugman, in a 2010 *New York Times* article



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titled “Why Deflation is Bad,” cited deflation as the cause of falling aggregate demand since “when people expect falling prices, they become less willing to spend, and in particular less willing to borrow.”[\[1\]](#)

Presumably, he believes this delay in spending lasts in perpetuity. But we know from experience that, even in the face of falling prices, individuals and businesses will still, at some point, purchase the good or service in question. Consumption cannot be forever forgone. We see this every day in the computer/electronics industry: the value of using an iPhone over the next six months is worth more than the savings in delaying its purchase.

Another common argument in the defamation of deflation concerns profits. With falling prices, how can businesses earn any as profit margins are squeezed? But profit *margins* by definition result from both sale prices and costs. If costs — which are after all prices themselves — also fall by the same magnitude (and there is no reason why they would not), profits are unaffected.

If deflation impacts neither aggregate demand nor profits, how does it cause recessions? It does not. Examining any recessionary period subsequent to the Great Depression would lead one to this conclusion.

In addition, the American economic experience during the nineteenth century is even more telling.



Twice, while experiencing sustained and significant economic growth, the American economy “endured” deflationary periods of 50 percent.[\[2\]](#) But what of the “statistical proof” offered in Friedman’s *A Monetary History of the United States*? A more robust study has been completed by several Federal Reserve economists who found:

*... the only episode in which we find evidence of a link between deflation and depression is the Great Depression (1929-34). We find virtually no evidence of such a link in any other period. ... What is striking is that nearly 90% of the episodes with deflation did not have depression. In a broad historical context, beyond the Great Depression, the notion that deflation and depression are linked virtually disappears.*[\[3\]](#)

If deflation does not cause recessions (or depressions as they were known prior to World War II), what does? And why was it so prominently featured during the Great Depression? According to economists of the Austrian School of economics, recessions share the same source: artificial inflation of the money supply. The ensuing “malinvestment” caused by synthetically lowered interest rates is revealed when interest rates resort to their natural level as determined by the supply and demand of savings.





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In the resultant recession, if fractional-reserve-based loans are defaulted or repaid, if a central bank contracts the money supply, and/or if the demand for money rises significantly, deflation may occur. More frequently, however, as central bankers frantically expand the money supply at the onset of a recession, inflation (or at least no deflation) will be experienced. So deflation, a sometime symptom, has been unjustly maligned as a recessionary source.

But today's central bankers do not share this belief. In 2002, Ben Bernanke opined that "sustained deflation can be highly destructive to a modern economy and should be strongly resisted."<sup>[4]</sup> The current Federal Reserve chair, Janet Yellen, shares his concerns:

*... it is conceivable that this very low inflation could turn into outright deflation. Worse still, if deflation were to intensify, we could find ourselves in a devastating spiral in which prices fall at an ever-faster pace and economic activity sinks more and more.*<sup>[5]</sup>

Now unmoored from any gold standard constraints and burdened with massive government debt, in any possible scenario pitting the spectre of deflation against the ravages of inflation, the biases and phobias of central bankers will choose the latter. This choice is as inevitable as it will be devastating.

*Note: The views expressed in Daily Articles on Mises.org are not necessarily those of the Mises Institute.*

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***When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.***

**Sir Edmund Burke**

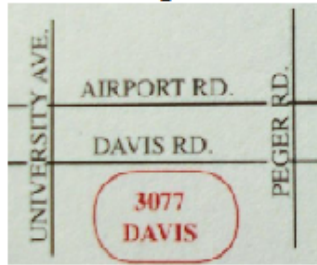
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### Germany: Pro-traditional values parents pelted with feces by gay activists

By T. Kevin Whiteman on March 30, 2014 at 1:16 pm <http://libertyunyielding.com/2014/03/30/germany-pro-traditional-values-parents-pelted-feces-homosexual-activists/>

Parents in two of the few regions of Germany that still retain a sizable percentage of politically and socially conservative-minded citizens have found themselves at the receiving end of physical assaults and destruction of private property, to include having feces thrown at them, at the hands of militant pro-homosexual activists, as reported by the traditional family values news portal Life Site News on March 28, 2014.

To further inflame the situation, local police reportedly ordered the estimated 1,000 strong peacefully protesting parents and children to disperse “in order ‘to avoid escalation.’”

#### Background ...

Parents and children in the South and West regions of Baden-Württemberg and Cologne, Germany have organized a peaceful protest march and speakers rally to voice their opposition to the government’s introducing a the new sex-ed curriculum initiated by Baden-Württemberg’s ruling Green Party/Socialist Progressive Democrat (SDP) coalition.

Proponents of the new sexual education courses claim the classes “will promote tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual and intersexual people.” However, according to critics, it will “go beyond the aim of preventing discrimination” and will advocate “the ideology of the rainbow” also known among opponents as the militant homosexual advocacy movement.

According to sources, many parents and teachers were concerned of the early-age indoctrination of children to a governmentally mandated “early sexualization.”

#### Police do nothing while assaulted by feces and saliva...

Concerned parents were previously approved by the civil authorities earlier in the year to hold their demonstration, but upon being disrupted by militant gay activists, the march was postponed until late March. Again with their permits in order from the Stuttgart civil officials, this year’s march was met by an “aggressive mob of young left wing groups and ANTIFA, short for *Antifaschistische Aktion* (translation: ‘Anti-Fascist Action’)” members.

The peaceful marchers reportedly had insults screamed at them, were spat upon, had eggs thrown at them, and were pelted with small bags of feces. Perhaps to add insult to injury, certain leftist agitators ripped pages out of a Bible and used the pages to wipe their rectums.

Afterwards, the fecally soiled pages of Sacred Writ were thrown at the parents and children. It was also cited that “police urged the organizers to dissolve the rally, in order ‘to avoid escalation.’ The organizers of the demonstrations expressed their disappointment of the missing support by the police and that a basic right — the right of assembly, was not protected.”

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One of the marching parents was quoted as saying:

*Apparently, they [the Stuttgart police] did not expect such a violent counter-demonstration, even though we expressed our concerns in this regard beforehand.*

### A time and place for everything ...

Prior to their march and rally, concerned parents and teachers submitted a 200,000 signatures-strong petition to state government asking that the new sex-ed curricula be shelved.

Translated by way of Google.com, the petition reads:

*We support the concern, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual and intersex people [face regarding discrimination]. Existing discrimination should be addressed in the classroom.*

However, the concerned adults also made it clear that the new blocks of instruction place an “over-emphasis of individual groups and their interests.” Also cited in the petition was “the preservation of the trusting relationship between home and school” and also for “the immediate stop of propagating [a] new sexual morality.”

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