

Parliamentary Procedural Modifications

Slim Majorities should not be imposing their will on comparatively large Minorities. (For example, fifty-one percent shouldn't make policies with which forty-nine percent disagree!

No legislation can be brought to the floor for a final public vote *until* a full two-thirds majority has *already* sponsored it!

All legislation having been sponsored by at least two thirds of all seated members must be presented for a vote no sooner than the following business day and no later than the day after that. Legislation necessitated by a bonafide emergency can be presented and enacted on the same day but is subject to a mandatory revote on the following business day; except that same-day Emergency Declaration of War revocation will give the President sixty days to conduct operations.

A consensus building system of individual web pages and software to track where every one is on various pending issues will make expedite legislation, so everyone can quickly identify where consensus already exists and where deals have to be negotiated.

All debate must be conducted in writing so that no one can manipulate the rules of order to their advantage. Public session will conduct no other business but certifying the votes on legislation that has been sponsored by a two-thirds majority of seated members.

Gubernatorial, State Legislative, Congressional and Presidential terms shall be six years in length

Criminalize Excess Secrecy

All secrets automatically expire, two years into the following Government's term of office. It shall be a crime that is punishable by imprisonment to classify anything that hides government misconduct or merely prevents embarrassment or to classify anything that is probably already known to our enemies. Before anyone can be prosecuted for revealing State secrets it must be proved far and beyond a reasonable doubt that some real harm was done and that the thing was properly classified in the first place!!! Once the secret is out, no secret trials for the whistleblower!!!

Nothing may be kept secret from the American People that is already known to most of our enemies!!!

The private "Federal Reserve" will be nationalized. It will be run by a board that is composed of randomly selected citizens. Their term of office will be six years, starting two years after the new Congress takes office.

No more Federal or State Level Pork!!!

Only money that is generated locally can be spent locally. Food Assistance, Medical Assistance, local roads must be funded locally. Roads will be funded according to their approximate percentage of usage. Only usage by vehicles carrying out of State license plates will qualify that portion of road for Federal Money. Only vehicles with out-of-county license plates will qualify for State money. Only vehicles with out of City license plates will qualify roads for County money.

Marriage

As with Religion, government will no longer establish or interfere with, regulate or define marriage or any other domestic relationship, nor will it offer special privileges or incentives. Any household benefits equally according to how many persons abide there, in terms of its amount of Sales Tax Exemption.

Reverse discrimination is prohibited

All public *policies* must be gender blind and racially blind.

Special programs may give disadvantaged persons based only on their financial circumstance or disability status, without any other demographic criteria.

No invisible taxes

Our current revenue structure is a giant deception. People currently love the idea of taxing big businesses and taxing people who make more money than they do; little do they realize, *they (the public)* is paying these taxes for all the rich people. They pay in the form of inflated prices and service rates. Really people have no idea how much they are damaging themselves when they approve new taxes or continue to tolerate old ones. Never mind the income taxes *you* may already be paying on behalf of yourself; easily sixty to eighty percent of the retail value of everything you purchase and eighty percent of the cost for various services (*actual services, not service fees!*) is there to pay the taxes that you may have thought you were saddling someone else with.

If we convert the tax system to an Out-In-the-Open Sales tax, on an average, nothing will cost any more than it does already, except we will finally see what we have been doing to ourselves. For example, consider what is happening when you pay \$10,000 for an operation; you are actually paying perhaps \$4000 for his taxes! The simplest way for government to reduce medical costs would be to abolish taxes for services rendered.

Commercial vehicles should not be taxed or slapped with fees because, again, you and I simply pay for these Government extravaganzas in terms of higher consumer prices.

Essentials should not be taxed.

No taxes on Groceries, fuel, prescription medicine, nonprescription remedies or medical supplies.
Retail Sales taxes only

No Property or Inheritance Taxes

Personal Sales Tax Exemption Equal to a State's Minimum Wage

The Personal, Local, State and Federal Sales Tax ***exemption is equal to the State Minimum Wage*** reckoned at forty hours per week; therefore, States that choose to have higher minimum wages will also have higher tax-exemptions. This also set a dynamic in motion whereby the States will be competing to shed their Federal Tax Burden in a way that stimulates the economy and helps those who work the hardest and get paid the least for it!!!

This is the best way to make a Sales Tax so that it does not hurt those with the lowest incomes; it also increases the motivation to raise the minimum wage since *everybody* benefits when the minimum wage goes up. Businesses will not be as adversely affected by raises in the minimum wage since these costs will be largely offset by the fact that *everybody* will be spending more money, more of that money will be going back into the local businesses *and* less to the Government!

State and Local Tax Exemptions are based on those minimum wage standards.

No tax on real property, possessions, rent or services

No special taxes on addictive substances

People can roll over their exemption credits from year to year they can only resell the rollover amount.

Individuals may sell all or part of their Tax Exemption amount that is left over from the ***previous*** month. Courts will not be permitted to enforce contracts where people promise to sell their ***future exemptions***.

(Slim majorities should not have tyranny over large minorities.)

People fully own and control any tree on their property including the portion of the public right of way that they customarily maintain, water, plant, prune, etc.

The Federal Government will manage National Defense, tariffs & Civil Rights.

Local governments will be entirely responsible for disaster preparedness and have reciprocal agreements with other local governments as to what resources will be shared under what contingencies.

Preparation will be made to store seven years of emergency food rations at all times. Similarly, strategic stockpiles of all vital commodities will be built up to increase our national vulnerability to interruptions in supply and to break commodity cartels by flooding the market with that commodity, as needed.

Government may not suppress or continue to suppress entirely private inventions.

Patents pass into the public domain twenty years after the patent was first filed, whether or not a patent was **ever** issued. Patents pass into the public domain if they have not been placed on the open market within seven years.

All pharmaceutical companies must publicize all research projects that have been drastically curtailed or entirely abandoned. All pharmaceutical companies must disclose any natural substance that was used to create synthetic drugs.

The government shall not regulate natural remedies with respect to their merits.

Government shall not restrict or pass special taxes on weapons and protective devices for individuals. It can require competency training for persons to carry arms, but the weapons themselves will not be registered or in any way limited or controlled.

Shut Down Commodities Speculation

Abuse of Power is by no means limited to Government.

Many business manipulations of economic power is just as destructive as anything the government does.

Investors, as a group, do many things that do not produce new goods, services or increase society's resources.

The biggest abuse is found in commodity market where investor-behaviors systematically drive prices up on our society's most basic ***needs such as food, energy and mineral commodities. This, in turn inflates the price of*** everything that is done or made. It is like an invisible tax that chokes the life out of the real job of the economy which is to increase ***real*** goods and services.

In General, sales of Stocks should be ***heavily*** taxed ***except*** when that stock has been held seven or more years!!! Again, this is to avoid the economic chaos that is precipitated by speculative forces.

Government Procurements

Government Vehicles

Debt Cancellation

All non-mortgage debt expires and is reckoned as fully paid seven years after it is accrued regardless of whether it was ever paid except that mortgages will remain until paid in full.

Inflation not only increases the cost of Government, but it also increases retail prices by roughly the same amount. In other words, the government is ***already automatically*** getting a raise to adjust for inflation; therefore, calls for a ***higher tax rate*** should be met with great skepticism.

A Constitutionally mandated set of fundamental default laws will prevail in the absence of timely legislation.

The government must operate on a cash only basis

Commodities Speculation will be utterly shut down. Basic commodities must pass directly through the most efficient path from producer, as directly as possible to the consumer. No superfluous

No Centralized Regulation, Taxation and Spending

The Federal Government has almost completely supplanted the role of local and State Governments. Whenever taxation and spending becomes centralized every locality becomes addicted to getting as much "Federal" money as possible, even if this means using it on wasteful or ***even*** on unnecessary projects. For example, one study showed that one dollar collected in Federal Taxes became thirty cents in food stamps, all of which was to be spent

by individuals on a **local** government. Why did that dollar have to travel from a local town to DC and back again to that **same** local town? The same problem exists in virtually every area where the Federal Government spends money for services that are local in nature.

Worse yet, they take money that taxes have robbed from local governments and they use that money to regulate how our local governments do business! It is not that we **cannot** fight City hall. Rather, it is the case that fighting City Hall has become largely **irrelevant** because they are controlled more by Federal Regulation than by Citizen-Regulation, because the citizens no longer hold all of the purse-strings.

A Progressive National Retail Sales Tax

No "Invisible" Taxes

Services, Wages and Income cannot be taxed.

Wholesale transactions cannot be taxed.

Only Retail Sales Taxes

Every individual gets the same tax exemption credits.

Can be spent any way they want

The tax exemption amount will be sufficient to enable people on welfare, disability, retirement and minimum wage jobs-whatever is lowest, to live tax free.

This way, the only way to increase everyone's sales tax exemption will be to raise the living standard of the disadvantaged among us.

Locally Spent money comes only from local sales taxes.

Disaster Planning consists solely of agreements between local governments.

A two-thirds vote of the State legislature can recall the State National Guard from national service.