

Un-lawful Constitutional Amendments?

The Fourteenth Amendment

The *purported* Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was never ratified by a majority of the sovereign States. According to legal research undertaken by attorney *William D. Graves* as written in *The Journal of Christian Reconstruction, Volume 13, Number 2, 1994*, the required 28 state three-fourths majority ratification was never completed.

As proof, Graves states *"By March 1867, only 17 of 37 States, or 11 short of the required three-fourths (28), had ratified the 14th Amendment. Congress then passed the Reconstruction Act providing for military occupation of all Southern States (excepting Tennessee which had ratified), which Act disenfranchised most white voters and which occupation would cease only upon a Southern State's ratification of the Amendment."* The Civil War had just ended, and the defeated southern States were being forced into ratifying the 14th Amendment under the threat of continued marshal law until they did so. Graves goes on to say *"Under duress, at least 6 Southern States attempted ratification and their number was added to the 22 Northern States and Tennessee, presumably making the number of ratifying States 29, or 1 more than required"*. Since those six southern sovereign and independent State nations were under the control of Military Provisional Governors, any alleged "ratification" could not possibly be considered "voluntary".

(By presumption, the three-fourths majority was present, but according to official State archives and records, two States had already changed their positions and had legally revoked their previous ratifications). *"However, both Ohio and New Jersey had rescinded previous ratification, but were nevertheless counted among the 29 by the Secretary of State"*.

Only 27 States had legally ratified the 14th Amendment, one State short of the required majority required by the Constitution. The Secretary of State of the United States Government ignored the facts and erroneously certified that 29 States had approved after having been given written notice from Ohio and New Jersey that they had recalled their ratifications. He then submitted his false certification to Congress who declared the 14th Amendment ratified on July 9, 1868.

Section 4 of the 14th Amendment states *"The validity of the public debt of the United States (Federal Government territory of Washington, DC), authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned"*. What this means is that whenever Congress votes to place more debt into the hands of the private Federal Reserve Corporation, you and I are supposed to pay for it. Of course, in a Federal territory such as Washington, DC, the states have no authority. But then neither does the Federal Agent have authority to indebt and pledge the assets of the sovereign states to pay federal territory liabilities authorized by Congress. The United States territory of

Washington DC has no Constitutional authority to indebt the states without state ratification and approval. This Amendment has been the "loophole" excuse as to why all Americans, not our Federal Government, are being used as guarantors of federal debts and deficits.

Since the facts seem to overwhelmingly substantiate that the 14th Amendment was never ratified, why are sovereign Christian Americans, who never approved of becoming collateral, still being pledged to pay the debts of the Federal territories to a group of financial tyrants owning the stock of our private central bank, the Federal Reserve Corporation? The written and recorded facts remain despite what we have been led to believe. Now, *We the People* are challenged to declare these truths and demand they be recognized.

The Sixteenth Amendment

The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was never ratified by a majority of the sovereign States. This is the Amendment that allegedly entitled the Federal Agent (government) in the federal territory of Washington, DC and their private collection company, the IRS, to collect "income tax" as falsely declared to be ratified in February 1913.

After an exhaustive year long search of legislative records in 48 sovereign states (Alaska & Hawaii were not admitted into the Union until after 1913), **Bill Benson** and **Red Beckman** wrote their fact findings in *The Law That Never Was, Vols. 1 & 2*. **They were able to unequivocally prove that the 16th Amendment was never Constitutionally, properly, or legally ratified.** The only record of the 16th Amendment having been confirmed was a proclamation made by Secretary of State Philander Knox on February 25, 1913, wherein he simply declared it to be "**in effect**", but never stating it was lawfully ratified.

Even if the 16th Amendment were properly ratified, according to Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution, it has always been unconstitutional for the US Federal Government to directly tax *We the People* in their property, wages, salaries, or earnings. The judges of the U.S. Supreme Court rejected any claims that the 16th Amendment changed the constitutional limits on direct taxes in *Brushaber v. Union Pacific R.R. Co., 240 U.S. 1*, when they ruled that it "**created no new power of taxation" and that it "did not change the constitutional limitations which forbid any direct taxation of individuals"**.

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