

We the People

of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article 1

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.

Section 3. The Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Electors in each State, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.

Section 4. The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Electors in each State, shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.

Section 5. The Senate shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 6. The Senators and Representatives shall receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall be ascertained by Law.

Section 7. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and may adjourn from time to time, and may, in any Case, convene on any Day of the Month next preceding the Day on which they may by Law be adjourned.

Section 8. The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

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Chico

Impeachment

Resolution

Packet

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
States of America

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

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Online local website:

<http://www.chicoimpeach.org/>

<http://www.chicoimpeach.org/docs/chicoimpeachmentpacket.pdf>

I. Cover Letter

June 18, 2008

Dear Council Member,

We are a group of citizens deeply troubled by the abuses of power committed by the Bush administration. As patriotic Americans, we join a nation-wide effort to return our country to the rule of law by submitting a resolution in support of impeachment of Vice President Richard Cheney and President George Bush to you, our city council. If passed, Chico would join nearly 100 other cities in publicly taking a stand for impeachment. In support of this end, we are conducting a petition drive amongst residents of Chico. These petitions will be submitted to the City Council during our presentation to the council.

This packet contains informative articles, a DVD, and other information for your perusal. Members of our group will be contacting each of you shortly in order to meet and discuss the project.

Some background information: Over the last several years, under the pretense of the so-called “war on terror”, the White House has dismantled the Constitution, concentrating power in the office of the President and undermining the rule of law. Some of the more disturbing violations are: torturing prisoners, denying and abridging habeas corpus, unlawful spying on U.S. citizens, and nullifying new laws with “signing statements”. The litany of impeachable offenses is long and painful.

The involvement of the U.S. military in the Middle East must cease. Billions of dollars and millions of lives poured into this quagmire may sustain the warped dreams of the Bush administration, but these dreams are illegitimate, and indeed criminal. The misery heaped on Iraqis and Afghans in our names and with our tax dollars has not only ruined our reputation and standing in the eyes of the world, but has plundered hope prosperity here at home.

There is no apparent way to end the madness save the impeachment of these men, a process so vital to our country that the founding fathers described it in the Constitution in six different places. Over fifty percent of the public supports beginning impeachment proceedings according to an American Research Group poll in July of 2007. However, Congress effectively condones the administration’s behavior by continuing to be indifferent to the American majority opinion. And the main stream corporate media is also complicit.

All of these actions have had a deleterious effect on our local community and everyday lives. You have sworn an oath of office that you will protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Please amplify our voices by petitioning Congress with this resolution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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And our many supporters.

II. Abuses of Power

There have been numerous illegal and grievous unethical actions in the Bush administration, including serious and credible allegations constituting patterns of abuse of powers, neglect of duties, and betrayal of public trust that have emerged and become public record related to the conduct of office of George W. Bush and Richard Cheney, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- **Misuse of agencies and departments of government** to disseminate misinformation concerning (but not limited to) the imminent threat to the U.S. of WMD attack posed by Iraq, Saddam Hussein's ties to al Qaeda, and the scientific basis of global climate change, in effect depriving Congress and the American people from making informed decisions
- **Neglect of duties** in the management and oversight of vast sums of public funds allocated for "Katrina," Iraq, and Afghanistan relief and reconstruction, and contractor troop-support services in Iraq and Afghanistan — and failure to pursue avenues available through the Justice Department, Defense Department, and State Department for investigations and prosecution of documented instances of contractor fraud and war-profiteering in an effort to curtail those practices and safeguard and retrieve public funds
- **Violation of law** by directing or authorizing the NSA to conduct warrantless domestic electronic surveillance outside the statutes enacted by Congress as the "exclusive" means for such surveillance (a violation admitted to by Bush and other government officials) — violation of Constitutional duty to take care that the laws are faithfully executed — and violation of public trust in lying to the American people by assuring them the program had not been conducted without the required warrants
- **Human rights violations involving national and international laws, agreements, conventions and treaties** in regard to torture and inhumane treatment of prisoners, prohibition of interrogation camps, targeting of vital civilian infrastructure, obligations for treatment of civilian populations by occupying forces, and international prohibitions against political or economic exploitation of sovereign nations by attacking, invading, or occupying forces, and enacting “extraordinary rendition”

Note that these actions constitute patterns of governance injurious to society, detrimental to our system of government, and negatively affecting the reputation of the United States in the world community.

III. Reasons for Impeachment

Reasons why We the Citizens must Demand that our Congress Impeach the President and Vice-President

- 1) To live up to our duties and obligations as free citizens under our Constitution.
- 2) To hold our federal representatives accountable to their mandated obligation and sworn duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
- 3) To protect and preserve the US Constitution, the separation of powers, and the Impeachment clauses in the Constitution.
- 4) To protect our children and grandchildren and their children from losing their freedom and living under tyrants, perhaps even worse than Bush and Cheney.

Some of the Impeachable Offenses Committed by George Bush and Richard Cheney

1. Kidnapping and widespread and admitted use of torture. "Excessive bail shall not be required... nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." - Amendment 8. Also a violation of the the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention. Under Article VI of our Constitution, ratified International Treaties are part of the "Supreme Law of the Land".
2. Domestic spying based upon racial and religious profiling, and admitted widespread warrantless wiretapping of the citizenry. "Unwarranted search and seizure" is a violation of the 4th Amendment of the Constitution, and a federal judge has stated that this violation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is a felony.
3. Indefinite imprisonment of citizens and non-citizens without trial, a lawyer, or being charged; secret arrests, monitoring of privileged attorney-client communications, and the suspension of habeas corpus. "No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." - Amendment 5. "...the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial... and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation... and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense." - Amendment 6.
4. Intentional leaking of the identity of a covert CIA agent (who worked on non-proliferation of WMDs), with no attempt to investigate the source of the leak. Had a double agent disclosed the identity, they would be charged with espionage and treason. Lewis Libby's trial revealed leaks from the White House which were never investigated by the Executive branch, and obstruction of justice; Bush's commutation of the sentence revealed contempt for the judicial process.
5. President Bush has used executive orders and signing statements to violate Congress' laws 1200 times...thus usurping the power of the Congress, violating Article I of the Constitution.
6. President Bush and Vice President Cheney intentionally and repeatedly lied to Congress and the American People in order to justify a pre-planned war with Iraq. Lying to Congress is a violation of the Fraud and False Statements statute. Cheney visited the CIA several times before the invasion to pressure for distorted intelligence, and there was repeated, illegal use of public funds to spread propaganda in the U.S. media.
7. Waged an illegal "pre-emptive" war of aggression against Iraq, killing hundreds of thousands. A violation of the UN Charter and the Nuremberg Charter. Following World War II, the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg called the waging of aggressive war "essentially an evil thing... the supreme international crime".
8. Criminal neglect in the Hurricane Katrina disaster, causing mass suffering and needless loss of life.
9. Fired eight US Attorneys because they failed to use political criteria in their work. Such a test is illegal.

IV. Elizabeth Holtzman Article Excerpt

The following is an excerpt from Elizabeth Holtzman's article, "The Impeachment of George W. Bush", which appeared in *The Nation* on January 30, 2006.

Like many others, I have been deeply troubled by Bush's breathtaking scorn for our international treaty obligations under the United Nations Charter and the Geneva Conventions. I have also been disturbed by the torture scandals and the violations of U.S. criminal laws at the highest levels of our government they may entail. These concerns have been compounded by growing evidence that the President deliberately misled the country into the war in Iraq. But it wasn't until the most recent revelations that President Bush directed the wiretapping of hundreds, possible thousands, of Americans, in violation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)—and argued that, as Commander in Chief, he had the right in the interests of national security to override our country's laws—that I felt the same sinking feeling in my stomach as I did during Watergate.

As a matter of constitutional law, these and other misdeeds constitute grounds for the impeachment of President Bush. A President, any President, who maintains that he is above the law—and repeatedly violates the law—thereby commits high crimes and misdemeanors, the constitutional standard for impeachment and removal from office. A high crime or misdemeanor is an archaic term that means a serious abuse of power, whether or not it is also a crime, that endangers our constitutional system of government.

Elizabeth Holtzman served for eight years as a U.S. Congresswoman and won national attention for her role on the House Judiciary committee during the Watergate scandal. Since 2006, as a book author and blogger, she has advocated the impeachment of President George W. Bush.

V. Ramsey Clark on Impeachment

William Ramsey Clark is a former United States Attorney General and worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, including service as the 66th United States Attorney General under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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"It was the war in Iraq that led to more than one million Americans voting to support the impeachment of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney in the largest on-line impeachment survey in US history," stated Ramsey Clark, the former US Attorney General.

Clark's announcement about the results of Vote to Impeach/ImpeachBush.org comes on the fifth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.

Ramsey Clark announced the launch of the impeachment effort at a rally of a half million people on January 18, 2003 on the national mall in Washington DC.

"This is the largest grassroots impeachment effort in US history," Clark stated. "Impeachment now will stop the continuing course of criminal conduct of the Bush Administration, which becomes more dangerous each day. President Bush is working at a frenetic pace to prove in the face of all the facts that his policies are right and heroic."

Clark continued, **"Impeachment is not a political question. It is a constitutional duty. It is the means by which the people, through their elected representatives, can protect their country from a lawless "President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States" by removing them from office. A failure to act in the face of a persistent, systemic and proudly proclaimed course of criminal conduct can bring the country to ruin."**

Excerpted and edited from an Internet source:

[http://www.impeachbush.org/site/News2?
JServSessionIdr007=1j65x22391.app7b&page=NewsArticle&id=5265&news_iv_ctrl=1041](http://www.impeachbush.org/site/News2?JServSessionIdr007=1j65x22391.app7b&page=NewsArticle&id=5265&news_iv_ctrl=1041)

VI. DVD — *Bill Moyers Journal on Impeachment*

See the enclosed DVD in the attached slip case pocket on the inside front cover.

Episode: ***Tough Talk on Impeachment***

July 13, 2007

A public opinion poll from the American Research Group recently reported that more than four in ten Americans — 45% — favor impeachment hearings for President Bush and more than half — 54% — favored impeachment for Vice President Cheney.

Unhappiness about the war in Iraq isn't the only cause of the unsettled feelings of the electorate. Recent events like President Bush's pardoning of Scooter Libby, the refusal of Vice President Cheney's office to surrender emails under subpoena to Congress and the President's prohibition of testimony of former White House counsel Harriet E. Miers in front of the House Judiciary Committee have caused unease over claims of "executive privilege." In addition, many of the White House anti-terror initiatives and procedures — from the status of "enemy combatants" in Guantanamo to warrantless wiretapping — have come under legal scrutiny in Congress and the courts.

Bill Moyers gets perspective on the role of impeachment in American political life from Constitutional scholar Bruce Fein, who wrote the first article of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, and *The Nation's* John Nichols, author of *The Genius of Impeachment*.

"The founding fathers expected an executive who tried to overreach and expected the executive would be hampered and curtailed by the legislative branch... They [Congress] have basically renounced — walked away from their responsibility to oversee and check." — Bruce Fein

"On January 20th, 2009, if George Bush and Dick Cheney are not appropriately held to account this Administration will hand off a toolbox with more powers than any President has ever had, more powers than the founders could have imagined. And that box may be handed to Hillary Clinton or it may be handed to Mitt Romney or Barack Obama or someone else. But whoever gets it, one of the things we know about power is that people don't give away the tools." — John Nichols

Bruce Fein

Bruce Fein is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on Constitutional law. Graduating from Harvard Law School in 1972, Fein became the assistant director of the Office of Legal Policy in the U.S. Department of Justice. Shortly after that, Fein became the associate deputy attorney general under former President Ronald Reagan.

His political law career would take him to various outlets, including general counsel of the Federal Communications Commission, followed by an appointment as research director for the Joint Congressional Committee on Covert Arms Sales to Iran. Mr. Fein has been an adjunct scholar with the American Enterprise Institute, a resident scholar at the Heritage Foundation, a lecturer at the Bookings Institute, and an adjunct professor at George Washington University.

Fein has also penned a number of volumes on United States Constitution, Supreme Court, and international law, as well as assisted three dozen countries in constitutional revision, including Russia, Spain, South Africa, Iraq, Cyprus, and Mozambique.

Fein currently writes weekly columns for *The Washington Times* and *Capitol Leader*, and a bi-weekly column for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* devoted to legal and international affairs.

Recently, Fein has been in the national spotlight after his editorial in the online newsmagazine *SLATE* called for the impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney, in which he outlines the various cases against the Vice President. Fein also testified in front of the House Judiciary Committee on June 27, 2007 about President Bush's use of "signing statement."

According to Fein, Cheney has:

- Asserted Presidential power to create military commissions, which combine the functions of judge, jury, and prosecutor in the trial of war crimes.
- Claimed authority to detain American citizens as enemy combatants indefinitely at Guantanamo Bay on the President's say-so alone.
- Initiated kidnappings, secret detentions, and torture in Eastern European prisons of suspected international terrorists.
- Championed a Presidential power to torture in contravention of federal statutes and treaties.
- Engineered the National Security Agency's warrantless domestic surveillance program targeting American citizens on American soil in contravention of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.
- Orchestrated the invocation of executive privilege to conceal from Congress secret spying programs to gather foreign intelligence, and their legal justifications.
- Summoned the privilege to refuse to disclose his consulting of business executives in conjunction with his Energy Task Force.
- Retaliated against Ambassador Joseph Wilson and his wife Valerie Plame, through chief of staff Scooter Libby, for questioning the administration's evidence of weapons of mass destruction as justification for invading Iraq. (Read Fein's *SLATE* article)

John Nichols

John Nichols, author and political journalist has been writing the "Online Beat" for *The Nation* magazine since 1999. Nichols also serves as Washington correspondent for *The Nation*, as well as the associate editor of the *Capital Times*, the daily newspaper in Madison, Wisconsin and a contributing writer for *The Progressive* and *In These Times*.

Along with fellow author Robert McChesney, Nichols co-founded the media-reform group Free Press. Nichols has also authored several books, including *Jews For Buchanan*, which analyzed the recount vote of 2000, and *Dick: The Man Who Is President*, his best-selling biography of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Nichols most recent book, *The Genius Of Impeachment*, argues that impeachment is an essential instrument of America's democratic system. Nichols' argument also bases the power of impeachment in the hands of the people, rather than the congress. In his recent article, "In Praise of Impeachment," Nichols argues "While the Constitution handed Congress the power to officially check such despotism, Jefferson and his colleagues fully expected the American people to be the champions of the application of the rule of law to an errant executive."

from: <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/07132007/profile.html>

VII. The Effect on Our Community

Excerpted from <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/?q=node/21024>

- **Understanding local relevance and the need for action**

Though the House can initiate investigations and draw up articles of impeachment, they sometimes let politics get in the way of responsible governance. It often takes the public to force Congress to act, and sometimes it has to come through their local officials. The reluctance of Congress to initiate the impeachment process does not absolve local bodies from the responsibility of pursuing the interests of the communities they represent.

Local officials are often hesitant to address the issue because they feel it's stepping out of their territory. They don't see the connection between their responsibilities of office in their local communities and the actions of officials at the national level. The abuses of power of the Bush/Cheney administration are so far-reaching that the effects have a direct and very serious impact not only on the citizens of "local" communities, but on the system that connects their local governments and agencies with those in control at the national level.

The connections are there, as well as the responsibility of our local officials to consider the problems and propose a solution.

- **Local consequences of dysfunctional agencies resulting from indifference to public charge**

Bush's appointment of an inept FEMA director directly and dramatically reached clear down to the lives of thousands of inhabitants of Louisiana and Mississippi. Bush/Cheney detachment and utter lack of concern in the final days leading up to Katrina (while the entire nation followed the details on TV), and 4 days of Bush partying/fundraising events before attending to the needs of its victims--or even following up to make sure they were being addressed by FEMA--impacted "local" communities in those areas hit, along with the ability of "local" agencies and officials to provide proper assistance. This appalling disregard for protecting lives and the well-being of the citizens over which they preside, seems a clear abdication of the duties and responsibilities of a President/Vice President on a most basic level.

And what value was placed on the lives of the "local" inhabitants of New York City as the head of the EPA advised it safe to return to work and schools in the area where, just days before, tons of toxic materials swept through their streets due to the horrors of the 9/11 attack? The "Deciders," Bush and Cheney, determined it was critical to get businesses, especially the NY Stock Exchange, back up and running.

Certainly the citizens of every community throughout this nation are justified in addressing their local officials to protect their safety and ask for removal from office of those at the top who are indifferent to the most basic principles of governance. On a local level, we're perhaps an earthquake away from suffering a fate similar to Katrina and New York City victims. If our local officials are met with indifference and a network of dysfunctional or ideological cronies at a time of emergency, then our lives are at risk on a local level and our officials need to acknowledge and address that reality.

- **Local officials base critical decisions on distorted/altered/politicized "facts"**

The health of our local communities is directly affected by the policies, directives, and actions of a President and Vice President who deny, block, or alter findings of scientific research. Safety standards related to the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the pharmaceuticals we ingest, the chemicals we're exposed to are determined by the fraudulent, pseudo-science promoted by Bush and Cheney through the agencies they administer. In hearings currently underway in the House, one government employee described what he called the "editing of science" mandated by the directives of this Administration, "aligning the facts to match the policy, rather than letting the

facts drive the policy." This "edited" science is incorporated into guidelines and standards released by agencies like the FDA and EPA. Our Boards of Supervisors and City Councils use data from these government agencies when making policy decisions for their community . They assume this data is accurate. Bush and Cheney have undermined our national agencies ability to provide safe and accurate information. There is no barrier here that separates national from local. And there is no barrier preventing our local officials from removing those from office who abuse their power and intentionally alter critical information others must rely on and that may pose a risk.

- **Communities' assets are being robbed to fund war and promote war-profiteering**

Funds extracted from our local communities through taxes, never come back to us to provide local or state services because they're funneled into maintaining our presence in Iraq and line the pockets of war-profiteers.

While the largest embassy the world has known is being constructed in Iraq on our dime by private contractors using cheap imported labor, our local roads, levees, and bridges fall into disrepair. How many hospitals and clinics could be maintained in our communities for what it's costing us to build this monument to empire in Iraq? While community police services are cut back because of strained local budgets, our taxes support private contractors like Blackwater, CACI, and Titan to provide "police," interrogation, and translator services in Iraq. Despite being implicated in documented incidents of contract fraud, civilian abuse, and torture at Abu Ghraib, these companies continue to receive our tax dollars. Halliburton/KBR is handed no-bid, cost-plus oil, gas, construction, and food service contracts to support our military. We've been billed for meals never served, construction projects never completed, or, in some cases, never begun. We pay for imported rather than local commodities, monogrammed rather than stamped towels because they cost more and this adds to Halliburton's profits. How many books, lab or computer equipment, art/music/athletic programs, or desperately needed teachers could we provide for our communities if our war-diverted tax dollars were claimed by our local officials by ending this occupation? Over \$9 billion, handed out from the back of pick-up trucks, just "goes missing." Bush and Cheney call for no investigation, there's no attempt at recovery. Healthcare services could be provided for the entire state from what "went missing" from those pickup trucks!

Contractor Custer Battles was found guilty of fraud for over-billing the government for millions of dollars. But the suit was pursued by whistle-blowers, not by the Bush/Cheney Administration. They did nothing to recover our money (our tax dollars). The Justice Department (under the Executive branch) declined to participate in the prosecution.

Promoting and condoning war-profiteering, shielding the profiteers from prosecution, and retaliating against those who expose it are characteristic practices of the Bush/Cheney Administration. Bunnatine Greenhouse, a 30-year contract officer for the Army Corps of Engineers with a consistent "exemplary" employee record, agreed to testify before Congress about the irregularities in the contracts being awarded by the government to Halliburton. Within days after her testimony, Greenhouse was given an "unsatisfactory" employee rating and fired.

Our communities are being stripped of their assets, deprived of the much needed services to which they're entitled, and are placing their children in debt because Bush and Cheney are pursuing a war/occupation that the public no longer supports. Their irresponsible actions have placed limitations on our local officials' ability to fulfill their obligations to the communities they serve. Bush and Cheney have deceived the public, abused their powers of office, promoted and allowed war-profiteering to the detriment of the public welfare. They are unfit to govern.

Above are just the primary and most egregious effects that the actions of the Bush administration, specifically instituted and promoted by President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, have had and continue to have on our local community, and why we need to act now to defend ourselves, our Constitution, our civil liberties, our way of life, and our country.

VIII. Example Page from the Congressional Record

June 13, 2007

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

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H.R. 2125: Mr. MOLLOHAN.
 H.R. 2139: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CLAVIER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. McHENNEY, and Mr. PEARCE.
 H.R. 2165: Mr. OLVER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BOREN, Mrs. GILLIERAND, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.
 H.R. 2215: Mr. DELAHUNT and Mr. McNERNEY.
 H.R. 2216: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
 H.R. 2217: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
 H.R. 2239: Mr. McDERMOTT.
 H.R. 2255: Mr. INSLEY.
 H.R. 2265: Ms. WOOLSEY.
 H.R. 2274: Mr. CANTOR, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WELLER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. LOBIONDO.
 H.R. 2286: Mr. BILBRAY and Mr. FRENEY.
 H.R. 2290: Mr. KIND.
 H.R. 2295: Mr. MELANCON, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. HERBERT SANDLIN, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. POMEROY.
 H.R. 2304: Mr. MILLER of North Carolina.
 H.R. 2333: Mr. BUYER and Mr. HENSARLING.
 H.R. 2363: Mr. MILLER of North Carolina and Mr. PRENCE.
 H.R. 2368: Mr. WYNN.
 H.R. 2407: Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida.
 H.R. 2421: Mr. MEEKS of New York.
 H.R. 2453: Mr. MATHESON.
 H.R. 2473: Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas.
 H.R. 2478: Mr. MILLER of North Carolina.
 H.R. 2484: Mr. FELNER.
 H.R. 2506: Mr. BOGZMAN.
 H.R. 2514: Mr. KANJORSKI.
 H.R. 2560: Mr. BURTON of Indiana.
 H.R. 2563: Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. FELNER, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ.
 H.R. 2586: Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. WYNN, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mrs. CAPP, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FARR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. McGOVERN.
 H.R. 2604: Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. BERMAN.
 H.R. 2617: Mr. COHEN and Mr. MEEKS of New York.
 H.R. 2630: Mr. SCOTT of Georgia and Mr. BISHOP of New York.
 H.R. 2633: Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 2640: Mr. ROSS and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.
 H.R. 2669: Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HARE, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. SARBANES.
 H.R. 2677: Mr. BONNER, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. McHUGH, and Mr. LATOURETTE.
 H.J. Res. 12: Mr. ROYCE and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon.
 H. Con. Res. 75: Mr. KIRK, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. McNERNEY.
 H. Con. Res. 108: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.
 H. Con. Res. 162: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.
 H. Res. 54: Mr. PETER.
 H. Res. 67: Mr. TIAHRT.
 H. Res. 231: Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. WOLF.
 H. Res. 232: Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PLATTS, and Mr. MCCOTTER.
 H. Res. 262: Mr. REICHERT, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H. Res. 366: Mr. PALLONE.
 H. Res. 415: Mr. FALCOMAVARGA.
 H. Res. 417: Mr. ARCURI.
 H. Res. 445: Mr. GONZALEZ.
 H. Res. 467: Mr. FOSSSELLA.
 H. Res. 482: Mr. WALSH of New York.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

49. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the City of Santa Cruz, California, relative to a petition advocating for funding for the National Marine Sanctuary Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

50. Also, a petition of the California State Lands Commission, relative to a Resolution expressing support for Senate Bill 151, which would prohibit new oil and gas leases in federal waters off California; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

51. Also, a petition of the California State Lands Commission, relative to a Resolution expressing support for H.R. 1187; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

52. Also, a petition of the Santa Fe County Commission, New Mexico, relative to Resolution No. 2007-45 opposing the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Fee Increase; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

53. Also, a petition of the Town of Woodstock, New York, relative to Resolution No. 171-07 requesting an investigation of the activities of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney to the end that they may be impeached and removed from office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

54. Also, a petition of the Town of Shelburne, Massachusetts, relative to a Resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to investigate charges and vote to impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

55. Also, a petition of the Town of Colrain, Massachusetts, relative to a Resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to investigate charges and vote to impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

56. Also, a petition of the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts, relative to a Resolution requesting the investigation of the activities of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney to the end that they may both be impeached and removed from office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

57. Also, a petition of the County Board of Shelby, Illinois, relative to Resolution 2003-21 requesting that legislation not be supported that would adversely affect the Second Amendment, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

58. Also, a petition of Mr. Cecil Ray Taylor, a citizen of Independence, Missouri, relative to petitioning the Congress of the United States for action on possible misconduct or disability on the part of Missouri Judges or Court Commissioners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

59. Also, a petition of Twelve Mayors of Ohio and Kentucky, relative to a Resolution calling on the Congress of the United States to remove the "Tiahrt Amendment" illegal gun trace restrictions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. PEARCE

AMENDMENT No. 128: Page 6, line 5, after the first dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$125,000,000)".

Page 22, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$125,000,000)".

Page 22, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$125,000,000)".

Page 22, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$125,000,000)".

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. PEARCE

AMENDMENT No. 129: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following: SEC. 544. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to fill FTE positions within the Transportation Security Agency until the number of Customs and Border Patrol agents has reached the congressionally authorized level."

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. PEARCE

AMENDMENT No. 130: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following new section:

SEC. 544. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used, either directly or indirectly, for projects or activities occurring on land obtained after June 23, 2005, through eminent domain by a State, unit of local government, or the Federal government, unless the owner of the land was paid an amount as just compensation that was triple the value of the land as appraised by an independent licensed appraiser or real estate agent at either the time that the land was condemned or the time that the land was obtained, whichever is higher.

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. ROYCE

AMENDMENT No. 131: Page 11, line 24, insert before the first comma the following: "(in accordance with clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) of section 102(b)(1)(A) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996)".

Page 11, line 25—strike ":" and all that follows through page 16, line 2 and insert "."

H.R. 2641

OFFERED BY: MR. CONAWAY

AMENDMENT No. 5: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following: SEC. . It is the sense of the House of Representatives that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction.

H.R. 2641

OFFERED BY: MRS. TAUSCHER

AMENDMENT No. 6: Page 27, line 4, after "expended" insert the following: "Provided, That \$173,250,000 of the amounts provided are available for nuclear weapons dismantlement activities at Department of Energy facilities authorized for such activities, of which \$91,000,000 is for the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility Project at the Savannah River Site, South Carolina".

H.R. 2641

OFFERED BY: MRS. BERKLEY

AMENDMENT No. 7: At the end of the bill, before the short title, insert the following new section: SEC. 503. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to administer the "Yuoca Mountain Youth Zone" website.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MRS. DRAKE

AMENDMENT No. 6: Page 44, after line 22, insert the following new section:

IX. How To Send A Petition To Congress

This page describes how the City of Chico can submit an impeachment petition that will be sent to the House Judiciary Committee. This procedure has been verified with the House Parliamentarian's office, Sergeant at Arms, Pitney-Bowes and others. (edited from an Internet document)

1. Pass a resolution. (see item X. on page 14)
- 2. Prepare a cover letter with the word "*Petition*" at the top.**
3. Attach a copy of our local resolution.
4. Sign the cover letter using an **original authorizing signature**. It cannot be a copy, fax or stamp. *Petitions without an original signature will be rejected so this is extremely important.* The signature must be from the head of the group, or whomever else has the authority to sign for the group. For a town that is typically the Mayor and/or City Clerk. (our town may be different)
5. Send the package to the Speaker's office. **Do not** send it to Pelosi's office even though she is the Speaker. They are separate offices.

Office of the Speaker
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-0100

6. Packages sent to Congress by **postal mail or Fed Ex** will be delayed 2 to 3 business days for security screening by Pitney-Bowes. One can speed up this process by going to the Visitor's desk in Congress and asking to "courier" a document to the Speaker's office. The package will be irradiated on the spot and then the person can **deliver it by hand** to the Speaker's office.
7. If you are in a rush and can't fly to Washington DC then you can sign a contract with "Washington Courier", (<http://www.washingtoncourier.com/>) then Fed Ex your documents to them. They will hand deliver the documents for same day delivery.
8. The Speaker's Office will send the petition to the Parliamentarian Office. They are a non-partisan office and do not reject a petition as long as it has an **original signature**. They will decide which committee it will go to. Impeachment charges are generally referred to the Judiciary Committee. A resolution calling for a "select committee" will be sent to the Rules Committee.
9. The petition will then be sent to the Legislative Resource Center and "laid on the desk of the Clerk".
10. The Clerk of the House of Representatives will enter the petition in the Congressional Record and then refer it to the committee recommended by the Parliamentarian Office.
11. A copy of an impeachment petition will probably end up in the Judiciary Committee office. But it would save time to also send a copy to Conyer's office directly.

Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
2426 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Original Source: <http://www.impeachbush.tv/impeach/stateres.html>

X. Resolution To Impeach

Resolution to Impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired with others to defraud the United States of America by intentionally misleading Congress and the public regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify an illegal war in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush has admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of American civilians without seeking warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, duly constituted by Congress in 1978, in violation of Title 50 United States Code, Section 1805; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired to commit the torture of prisoners in violation of the "Federal Torture Act" Title 18 United States Code, Section 113C, the U.N. Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the "supreme Law of the Land"; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney acted to strip American citizens of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention without access to legal counsel, without charge and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant", all in subversion of law in the 5th and 6th Amendments; and

WHEREAS, In all of this, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney have acted in a manner contrary to their trust as President and Vice President, subversive of constitutional government to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of Chico, California and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Petitions from the country at large may be presented by the Speaker of the House according to Clause 3 of House Rule XII;

Be it resolved that George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, by such conduct, warrant impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States;

Be it resolved further by the City of Chico, That our senators and representatives in the United States Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to cause to be instituted in the Congress of the United States proper proceedings for the investigation of the activities of the George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, so that they may be impeached and removed from such office.

Be it resolved further, That the Clerk of the City of Chico be, and is hereby, instructed to certify to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under the seal of the City of Chico, a copy of this resolution and its adoption by the City of Chico, as a petition, and request that this petition be delivered to the Office of the Clerk and entered in the United States Congressional Journal. The copies shall be marked with the word "Petition" at the top of the document and contain the original authorizing signature of the Mayor.