

By Mr. Cohen of Andover (by request), petition of Karl Haartz for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to return government to the people. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

RESOLUTIONS TO RETURN GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE.

1 *Resolved*, That the General Court of Massachusetts urges the
2 Congress of the United States to review James Madison's observa-
3 tion that "In framing a government which is to be administered by
4 men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable
5 the government to control, the governed; and in the next place
6 oblige it to control itself." and then to proceed to implement that
7 concept by adopting a Resolution that says "no elected or appoint-
8 ed member of Congress or other branch of government shall enjoy
9 any privilege or immunity that is not readily available to the people
10 at large with the exception of immunity upon either floor of
11 Congress", and further; that the Federal Constitution be corrected
12 by adding to it a limitation that makes every law or regulation
13 issued under it that lessens, or otherwise reduces the ability of the
14 government to control itself, or encourages it to accept situations
15 that are, or border upon conflict of interest, to be null and void to
16 the end that shall be discouraged a government of, for and by office
17 seekers, office holders and in its place be reestablished a govern-
18 ment of, for and by the people; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secre-
20 tary of the Commonwealth to each member of the Masschusetts
21 Delegation to Congress, the President of the United States, each of
22 the Presidency's Cabinet members, to all other members of Con-
23 gress and to the governors of the several states..

