

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 remove government from unsound contracts. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS REMOVING THE GOVERNMENT FROM UNSOUND CONTRACTS.

1 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts General Court urges the Con-
2 gress of the United States to return to the Federal Constitution
3 some of its intended and original power for controlling the govern-
4 ment under it, by removing from the government its power to make
5 unsound contracts with its employees that provide public services
6 of any discription whatsoever by amending (actually correcting)
7 Article IV of the Federal Constitution by adding a new Section,
8 numbered 5, and which reads as follows: It being contrary to
9 common economic principles, common ethics and common sense,
10 in short, against Public Policy under this Constitution to guarantee
11 any employee of the United States, or of any State, or of any
12 political subdivision of them against layoff, dismissal or lockout
13 without requiring the employee to perform a definite daily amount
14 of useful work, therefore the government under this Constitution is
15 prohibited from entering into any labor contract, agreement or
16 other arrangement that would so disadvantageously obligate itself;
17 any other thing in this Constitution, or law made under it to the
18 contrary notwithstanding; 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 Massachusetts
21 Delegation in Congress, to each other member of Congress, to the
22 President of the United States and to each member of his Cabinet
23 of the President of the United States.

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