

The Breakfast Club

Constitutional Minute for 10 January 2022

News Flash: Article V of the Constitution has been repealed!

Washington, D.C. In a stunning action in the U.S. Senate today, 51 Senators voted to withdraw Article V from the U.S. Constitution and replace the Constitution's laborious amendment process, last used by Congress fifty years ago, with a greatly streamlined and vastly more efficient process of amendment proposed by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD).

In a three-hour floor speech, culminating with his motion to repeal and replace Article V, Senator Cardin volunteered to take on the task of amending the Constitution himself! There will thus be no need to burden the Congress with the challenging task of passing a proposed amendment with a 2/3 vote of both chambers, nor any need to wait weeks, months, or even years, while 38 states decide whether to ratify the proposed amendment – Senator Cardin will do it all!

Since the House had not yet returned from their holiday recess, the Senate vote was ruled proper and sufficient by the Senate Parliamentarian, and President Biden quickly announced his intent not to veto the measure when it comes to his desk, adding remarks affirming his "*great faith in his old friend Senator Cardin*" as the Senator undertakes this "*patriotic project.*"

Senator Cardin immediately set to his new task and today announced his first action:

U.S. Senator: 'Hate Speech' No Longer Protected Under First Amendment

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It seems only appropriate that Cardin's FIRST new Constitutional Amendment would target the Constitution's FIRST Amendment. Cardin's new Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, with immediate effect, reads:

“Section 1: The First Amendment to this Constitution is hereby amended to read:

‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech except as it pertains to “hate speech,” or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.’

Section 2: “Hate speech” as used in this article shall consist of any speech deemed to offend Senator Ben Cardin, Democrat from the State of Maryland, or his

replacement in his seat of Congress as long as the replacement obtains a greater than 51% approval rating from the Congressional Progressive Caucus, or, lacking a suitable replacement from the State of Maryland, any Senator receiving a majority vote of the Progressive Caucus at a meeting held for that purpose.

Section 4: Words and phrases deemed hateful by Senator Cardin, or his appointed replacement, shall be published weekly in the Congressional Record and subsequently in the New York Times and other Congressionally-approved media.

Section 4: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article, up to and including application of the death penalty for repeat offenders.”

The foregoing “News Flash” was of course parody (even down to the “doctored” screen capture); it was indeed depressing parody since it is clear Senator Cardin, of my home state of Maryland, truly believes the First Amendment has already been amended along these lines, even further depressing when you consider many others on the Left readily support such a change in First Amendment interpretation. Knowing the Left, they will not ask the American people how they feel about such a change in interpretation, the Left will simply proceed, using the courts, to impose its new interpretation until such time as the Supreme Court tells them to “go pound sand in a rathole,” or something perhaps more legal sounding.

It is amazing to behold the hubris of the radical left as they announce this and similar plans to impose their authoritarian utopia on the American citizenry. That they do so without hesitation or any hint of uncertainty as to the constitutionality of their plan is breathtaking.

Senator Robert “KKK” Byrd (D) of West Virginia (1917-2010) was famous for pulling out his pocket Constitution whenever someone brought up a Constitutional topic. It may seem tempting to send Senator Cardin a copy, but I suggest it would be a complete waste of time. It would be equally inappropriate to simply avoid the terms and phrases the Left finds “hateful” (if they ever tell us what these consist of) because doing so gives them a win before the final whistle sounds.

Instead, we should continue to speak truth to lies, ever mindful of [the few exceptions](#) the Supreme Court has already made to speech protected by the STILL IN EFFECT First Amendment!

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