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**MEDICAL FREEDOM**

* **SJR993**-Proposed Constitutional Amendment to assure us the right to refuse any medical treatment. Status: FAILED in committee where Sen. Jackson voted NO. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR VOTE
* HB2486/SB2276-Allow patients visitation by family members/advocates in case one can’t make their own medical decisions. Also required informed consent for EUA treatments. Status: Failed in House Health Subcommittee for lack of 2nd despite HUGE attendance of advocates. HOW WOULD YOU HAVE VOTED?

**2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

* **HB1735/SB2291**-Lowering TN Concealed Carry Age to 18 Sponsored by Rep. Todd - legislation sought to lower the age requirement for a handgun carry permit or to carry under TN permit less carry law from 21 to 18. Status: Passed House but ‘general ‘subbed’ by Senate meaning they had no intention of dealing with in this session. Rep. Todd: PLEASE FILL US IN.
* Red Flag Laws

1. Explain where you stand regarding controversial new Federal ‘red flag laws’.
2. Will you fight TN from taking these federal ‘monetary incentives’, especially since TN is in a positive fiscal position?

**CHRISTIAN VALUES/OBSCENITY PREVENTION**

* **HB1944/SB1944**-Legislation sought to set up a process for parents that identify questionable materials in their child’s school libraries to inform their school superintendents, who will then be required to remove the materials for 30 days…

Status: House votes: Todd - voted Yes. Shaw voted NO. Senate: ‘killed’ in Senate Committee

Rep. Shaw: IN ADDITION TO **HB1944** AS DESCRIBED, HB 2454 IS A LAW TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM DIGITAL OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY IN SCHOOLS. YOU VOTED NO ON EACH OF THESE BILLS =LEASE EXPLAIN YOUR NO VOTE IN LIGHT OF YOUR PASTORAL POSITION

* **HB08000/SB1216**-Legislation sought to prohibit textbooks and other instructional materials that promote, normalize, support or address Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender issues or lifestyles.

THIS DID NOT COME BEFORE ANY COMMITTEE ON WHICH ANY OF YOU SERVED, BUT IF/WHEN IT DOES, SHARE WITH US YUR SUPPORT OF SUCH A BILL. IF NOT, WHY NOT?

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WTP MEMBERS FIND THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO CLEARLY REVEAL OUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN. PLEASE ANSWER YES/NO TO THEM SO THAT WE KNOW WHERE YOU STAND ON THESE ISSUES.

PLEASE ANSWER THE BELOW STATEMENTS WITH ‘AGREE’ OR ‘DISAGREE’

\* Parents have the right to home school their children with minimal government interference.

\* Parents should always be given the right to refuse permission for any Health clinic (school-based or otherwise) to perform physical or mental examinations, or to administer vaccinations, immunizations or medications.

\* Parents must have the right to exempt their children from questionable methodology, curricula, or classes that they consider privacy invading or offensive to their religion or values.

\*Parents must have the right to know about and approve ANY and ALL data collected on their students by the school system.

\*Parents have the right to receive the $8K/student placed in an Educational Savings Account managed by the parent (but accountable to some state entity to ensure it is being spent for actual education, either public or private.)

PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

* Who should be in charge of a child’s education…parent or government?
* Do you support a charter school in Jackson/Madison County?
* Should Public Schools provide psychological services to kids? Specifically, should counseling of any type with a child be reported to parents, or should children have ‘privacy’ rights with school counselors?

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

DO YOU AGREE: “THE TN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD HAVE THE FINAL SAY IN THE NUMBER, IF ANY, OF REFUGEES BROUGHT INTO TN BY FEDERAL CONTRACTORS.”

**HB2309/SB2464-**Allows non-citizens to obtain professional and commercial licenses in TN. Status: Passed with Gov. signature. Todd voted NO. Shaw voted YES. EJ - present, NO VOTE shown on [tn.gov](http://tn.gov) website, although we’ve received a picture of vote board where he voted YES.

REP. TODD AND SHAW, PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR VOTE of NO. SEN. JACKSON, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOUR Vote of YES as shown on the VOTE BOARD, (though it is recorded on [tn.gov](http://tn.gov) website as NOT VOTING.

According to Article XI, Section 3 of the TN Constitution, an Amendment can be proposed by either chamber and must pass with a 2/3 majority of both houses in two consecutive General Assemblies, then to the people in a general election that elects a governor by at least the same majority that elects the Governor.

**Please explain why THESE amendments passed, when SJR 993 - the Right to Refuse Medical Treatment failed in committee.**

**SJR648-Right to Work Amendment**

“It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or this state or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person by reason of the person’s membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee association.

Sen. Jackson and Rep Todd: YOU BOTH HELPED TO SPONSOR THIS AMENDMENT SO CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR IT SINCE TN IS ALREADY A ‘RIGHT TO WORK’ STATE.

**SJR1159-Prohibition of Slavery and Involuntary Servitude**

Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.

PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS…DOES IT MEAN THAT PRISON INMATES CANNOT BE FORCED TO WORK WITHOUT PAY?

**SJR178 Deletes Section 1 of Article IX.**

currently - Article IX:

Section 1. Whereas ministers of the Gospel are by their profession, dedicated to God and the care of souls, and ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their functions; therefore, no minister of the Gospel, or priest of any denomination whatever, shall be eligible to a seat in either House of the Legislature.

Section 2. No person who denies the being of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this state.

Section 3. Any person who shall, after the adoption of this Constitution, fight a duel, or knowingly be the bearer of a challenge to fight a duel, or send or accept a challenge for that purpose, or be an aider or abettor in fighting a duel, shall be deprived of the right 19 to hold any office of honor or profit in this state, and shall be punished otherwise, in such manner as the Legislature may prescribe.

*The section being deleted simply says that ministers of the Gospel ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their functions, and therefore cannot be eligible to a seat in either House of the Legislature.*

*Rep. Shaw, aren’t you and have you not been, a Minister of the Gospel during your serving as a TN Rep? So that has been against our Constitution??*

*Has this simply been an ‘overlooked’ Article that is now being ‘corrected’? What does that have to say about our overall adherence to our Constitution in the first place?*

*What about Section 2 that says: “No person who denies the being of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, sh all hold any office in the civil department of this state.” Does that not translate as all legislators are to be Believers and rule from a Biblical or other Religion Worldview?*

**NEW Constitution Amendment Proposal**

For complete opinion by Gary Humble of TN Stands

<https://tennesseestands.org/commentary>

See Aug. 10 Commentary post

**“Since 1870, Article II, § 29 & 31 have remained unchanged. Section 29** allows counties and municipalities to extend their credit to and become stockholders in private companies and associations, but only with a 75% majority vote of all qualified voters. That is an incredibly high bar and I am unsure if that has ever happened in the state of Tennessee since this constitution was ratified in 1870. Perhaps some joint ventures between counties and private medical institutions may fall into this category.”

**But Article II, § 31 is explicit. It states:**

The credit of this state shall not be hereafter loaned or given to or in aid of any person, association, company, corporation or municipality; nor shall the state become the owner in whole or in part of any bank or a stockholder with others in any association, company, corporation or municipality.

“Think about recent happenings with the nearly $1 Billion of your tax dollars being invested into the Ford Motor Company for a West TN plant and the $500 Million bond boondoggle for a new Tennessee Titans stadium in Nashville further subsidized by a one-point increase to Davidson County’s hotel sales tax. But now, let’s take that a step further.

Imagine a constitutional amendment that would now allow Tennessee to *invest* funds with companies like Ford and the Titans and become legitimate shareholders where the success and failure of both the state and the corporate entities are inextricably linked. Imagine Tennessee being able to extend its credit to private companies like Facebook and Amazon. Consider a future where the state of Tennessee is now part owner in a bank that might underwrite your small business loan.

This amendment to our Constitution is now officially on the table here in Tennessee. Here is the [proposed amendment](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/112/Bill/SJR0913.pdf) and new language for Article II, § 31”

The credit of this state shall not be hereafter loaned or given to or in aid of any person, association, company, corporation, or municipality. The state shall not become the owner, in whole or in part, of any bank or a stockholder with others in any association, company, or corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the governing body or state official charged with carrying out the purpose or objectives of a fund or trust that is administered or invested by the State Treasury and that contains state funds, in whole or in part, may adopt, **with approval of the Treasurer and the Comptroller of the Treasury**, an investment policy to **authorize all or part** of such fund or trust to be invested such that the state would become an owner, **in whole or in part**, of any bank or a stockholder with others in any association, company, or corporation.

“The Treasurer and Comptroller of this state (an appointed, not elected position) would now have the sole authority (with no required legislative approval or vote of the people) to invest **ALL** of a state fund or trust (your tax dollars) giving the state the ability to become a **100% owner** of any bank or corporation.

Does that sound like Tennessee or China?This measure cannot pass. We cannot continue to erode the foundations of liberty, allow government to increase beyond its prescribed boundaries, and blur the lines between state and private interests.” **comments in quotations are from Gary Humble of TN Stands.**