

RESOLUTION: The "GLOBAL POVERTY ACT" (S. 2433)

Descriptive:

- The "Global Poverty Act" (S. 2433) defines and proposes to implement the "Millennium Development Goals" of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, General Assembly Resolution 55/2, of the year 2000. The United States joined more than 180 other countries in agreeing to implement these goals, which would become the law of the land in the United States.
- The House version (HR 1302) passed by voice vote on September 25, 2007 without previous announcement, debate, or amendment, having 84 co-sponsors, including Adam Smith, D-WA.
- The Senate version passed out of committee in February 2008 through bipartisan cooperation and is pending a floor vote. Eighteen co-sponsors include Barack Obama (D-IL), Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Patty Murray (D-WA).

Whereas,

The "Global Poverty Act" (S. 2433) will supersede U.S. national sovereignty and the Constitution of the United States, by implementing as the law of the land the "Millennium Development Goals" agreed upon, including these mandates—

- An international tax: "[T]o provide a 0.7% of gross national product (GNP) as official development assistance", requiring the President "to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty" beyond current foreign policy appropriations [\$65 Billion per year above current levels];
- Voiding the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution by banning "small arms and light weapons" through a United Nations Arms Register;
- Ratification of numerous treaties that compromise U.S. national sovereignty, including—
 - The International Criminal Court Treaty;
 - The Kyoto Protocol (global warming treaty);
 - The Convention on Biological Diversity;
 - The Convention on the Rights of the Child; and,
 - The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women;
- Facilitating "a standing peace force" [United Nations standing army];
- Mandating "peace education" for "all levels from preschool through university" [universal "international education"].

Whereas,

The "Global Poverty Act" (S. 2433) erodes the individual rights and freedoms defined in the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution without due legislative protocol or debate, or general public knowledge;

Therefore, be it resolved that,

The Washington State Republican Party Convention delegates convening May 31, 2008, vehemently oppose and condemn the "Global Poverty Act" (S. 2433) as betrayal of the national sovereignty and the Constitution of the United States and violation of the oath of office sworn by U.S. members of Congress; and,

Further, be it resolved that,

The delegates of this Convention vigorously oppose the "Global Poverty Act" (S. 2433) through persistent contact with their senators, endeavoring to publicize this legislation and its impact through every viable means.