

re-writing the provisions of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The point need not be labored. The Supreme Court in our system of government was never intended thus to re-write the Constitution.

Nevertheless, we are a law-abiding people and we wisely have counseled our children and our children's children to obey the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

Accordingly, and no matter how much we may disagree with the interpretation by the Supreme Court in this instance, there is no point in answering usurpation with further usurpation. The General Assembly of Maryland therefor is requesting that the Congress of the United States propose to the several states an amendment to the First Amendment to the Constitution which will have the effect of recalling the recent series of unfortunate decisions by the Supreme Court and of restoring the meanings of the First Amendment to that of the draftsmen who framed it and of the sovereign people who adopted it; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of Maryland,* That this body respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to formulate and adopt a proposal for the amendment of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the meaning and effect of the First Amendment to the purpose intended by our people when it was framed and adopted in the late eighteenth century; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer in the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, each member of the Maryland Delegation in the two Houses of the Congress of the United States, and to the Secretary of State in each of the several states of this Union.

Senator North, moved that the rule that requires that Senate Resolution No. 3 be referred to the Rules Committee be suspended.

*Said motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:*

Affirmative

Senators—

Bertorelli, Clark, Curran, Dean, Graham, Hall, Hepbron, Hodges, Hughes (G.), Hughes (H.), Mach, Malkus, Nock, North, Phoebus, Pine, Roney, Snyder, Steffey, Wineland. Total—20

Negative

Senators—

Mr. President, Parran, Welcome. Total—3

*Senate Resolution No. 3 was then read and adopted.*

Senate Resolution No. 4—By Senator North:

Senate Resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland memorializing the Supreme Court of the United States to interpret and apply the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in the manner intended by those who framed that amendment and by the sovereign people who adopted it.