

Urging The United States Congress To Create A Select Committee To Investigate The Administration's Intent To Go To War Before A Congressional Authorization, Manipulation Of Pre-War Intelligence, Encouraging And Countenancing Torture, Retaliating Against Critics And To Make Recommendations Regarding Grounds For Possible Impeachment

The Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Bischoff and Legislators Bartels, Liepmann, Rodriguez and Shapiro) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the American people require and expect that their highest officials be subject to the laws of the land like any citizen, most particularly under the constitutional oath taken by them upon assuming office, and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney appear to have violated laws of the United States by numerous acts, including misleading Congress and the public by alleging threats from the nation of Iraq to justify war, the countenance of torture of prisoners, the surveillance of American citizens beyond the reach of judicial review; and arbitrarily subjecting citizens to indefinite detention without charge and denying them their constitutional rights to counsel and judicial relief, and

WHEREAS, this situation cannot be resolved without the truth regarding these acts being established and brought to bear in adjudication by the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is the elected body of the people of Ulster County and as such, has been urged by concerned citizens of Ulster County to take action.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature urges the United States Congress to support HR 635 to create a select committee to investigate the Administration's intent to go to war before a congressional authorization, manipulation of pre-war intelligence, encouraging and countenancing torture, retaliating against critics and to make recommendations regarding grounds for possible impeachment, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to 22nd Congressional District Representative Maurice D. Hinchey, House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, Majority Leader John Boehner, Democratic Leader of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and bill sponsor, Rep. John Conyers,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE