

RESOLUTION ON THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

Whereas, the Idaho House of Representatives - the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, voted against S 1067 in a 9-8 vote, and,

Whereas, changing language suitable to the Idaho Legislators was not permitted and/or allowed by federal guidelines—the bill had to remain un-amended, and,

Whereas, Senator Nuxoll who voted in support of S 1067 in the last days of session, once became aware of the political deceit involved in S 1067, has since recanted public support for SB 1067, and,

Whereas, Rep. Matt Shea, State of WA helped pass an Amendment to WA Bill 5498 to nullify international law that would be inconsistent with public policy, and,

Whereas, concerns were also raised over the sharing of Idahoan's data through a global data-sharing component of the international treaty, and,

Whereas, Senate Bill 1067 would have forced Idaho to accept changes to its Child Support Enforcement (CSE) guidelines that are verbatim and uniform to federal code, and would subject Idaho to international laws and foreign tribunal support orders. There would have been no allowances for adding amendments or language that protects Idaho from objectionable laws and provisions, and,

Whereas, S 1067 says Idaho "...Is bound by the findings of fact on which the foreign tribunal based its jurisdiction; and... [m]ay not review the merits of the order."

Whereas, the federal government officials also threatened that Idaho could hold up the entire 2007 Hague Convention (United Nations) on the International Recovery of Child Support . (All 50 states must adopt the specific provisions for the treaty to be ratified, but only 19 have complied), and,

Whereas, Article VI of the U.S. Constitution states, "...all Treaties made, ... under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby...". So, even if we could apply protections in the law for Idaho children and families, the law immediately becomes subservient to the terms of the treaty—which is supreme, and,

Whereas, the federal government is threatening to punish Idaho children and ex-spouses for Idaho not signing onto a restrictive and problematic set of international standards, and,

Whereas, the Idaho Legislative Session has adjourned after completing all of its business, and,

Whereas, Idaho Governor Otter has threatened to call back into session the Legislature to extort acceptance of a international treaty condition by tying it to the receipt of federal domestic welfare aid dollars, instead of voting on the issues as separate matters, and further,

Resolved, that the Bonner County Republican Central Committee (BCRCC) urges in the strongest language that the Representatives, Senators and the Governor of Idaho pass legislation on the individual merits of a legal issue and not engage in the attempted federal extortion of Idaho State's ratification of an International Treaty through a combined legislative bill, which by design is to threaten the elimination of domestic federal welfare & child support aid dollars, and, as a distinct and separate legislative act, the Representatives, Senators and Governor oppose the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act in it's current form.