

# Bill Wilt 4 Congress, 7<sup>th</sup> CD

## The Preamble Party

I'm **Bill Wilt** and I'm running for Congress in Massachusetts' 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, as a member of the independent Preamble Party. Because our government has gone off the rails. We need to take back our country, restore the balance between citizens and corporations. The US Constitution's a good place to start.

The Constitution begins with the Preamble, the name of our party. Here's how it goes:

*WE the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

The Preamble set out just who is in charge here, supposedly We the People, and created a six-part "mission statement" for our then-new government. The one to which the Framers and some few others since have pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

However, what we now have is government by corporations, of corporations and for corporations. And we may indeed perish from this earth because of them. And as if corporations didn't already have a stranglehold on our government, the Supreme Court this term has declared that corporations are **People**, too. (*United Citizens vs. Federal Election Commission*)

My antidote to this poisonous decision is simple enough; WE the people need to turn the tables and assert that **People are Corporations**, too, and then act on that assertion by:

- 1) Forming ourselves and our families into corporations—Domestic Domestic Corporations, we could call them (DDCs). All of us, WE the People, are in business to make our families flourish, to sell our skills, our products, our expertise & training on the open market, and we do this by contracting with other businesses. We no longer receive wages; we receive payments on the contracts we negotiate with other businesses.
- 2) WE the people of course have business expenses, such as the corporate cafeteria, the corporate headquarters, the corporate uniforms, education, training, transportation, taxes, amortization of our HQ and equipment, and so on. These we deduct from gross profits. What's left is our corporate profit, which then will be taxed, just like every other Corporation. (Interesting question: Now that corporations have been declared People, does that mean all corporate income is Personal Income, and subject to the personal income tax? Do corporations now have to wait until they're 17 years old before they can drive? How do the police handcuff corporations if they've done something illegal, and "perp-walk" them to the hoosegow? The Crazy Five on the Supreme Court obviously didn't consider all the

ramifications of their iniquitous "corporations are people, too" decision.

- 3) Our state governments, who control corporations, make up for the shortfall in federal revenue that is partially returned to the states, if they fight hard enough for it, with corporate fees and minimum taxes. For example, every family in Massachusetts would pay at least the minimum corporate tax every year. That would collect \$2.5 million. As of 2007, we paid \$74,782,325,000, or \$11,594 per person in Federal income taxes. That would go to about zero dollars, with every person and/or family paying only corporate income taxes.

The gambling casinos (we used to call them "investment banks" or just "banks") have thrown the world economy into Recession with opaque bets on bets on bets — we're too cowardly to call it a Depression, but real unemployment — long-term and short-term together — has been running at about 17% for the past decade; those are Depression-Era numbers. We must reinstate Glass-Steagall and require registration of all financial betting contracts (adding "derivatives" and other "exotics" to the list of betting things subject to full disclosure. And for "traditional" casinos—the ones with blackjack, roulette, craps and slot machines—they need to be labeled with the "house odds" or "take." (Remember, "The house always wins"? But by how much?). And while we're at it, we need a national usury law that sets a ceiling on the aggregate of fees, points, interest and other clever things the gambling sector (formerly known as the "financial sector") will develop to avoid the disclosure law.

The energy corporations—one of them in particular—British Petroleum, is still polluting the Gulf of Mexico. They have driven us into war in Iraq.

And the major manufacturing jobs we have left in America—we've lost 3.2 million manufacturing jobs in the past decade—are in great measure jobs manufacturing war matériel for our Military-Industrial-Legislative complex. They need wars and sales of armaments abroad to support wars in order to flourish. (Did you know that the US is the biggest exporter of military stuff in the world?)

**A word on Gambling vs investment:** When you first loan money to a corporation and get back an IOU in the form of a stock or a bond, you have made an investment in that company. But if you buy the same shares and/or bonds from a third party—on the stock market, you are just gambling. Gambling that you'll be able to sell the stocks or bonds to someone else for more than you paid for them—or gambling that (without even owning the stock) the price will go down so when it comes time to actually buy the stocks, you'd be able to buy them to sell at a much lower price than you promised to pay at the time you made the short-sell order.

**Millions of jobs lost:** 3.2 MILLION, give or take—one in every six factory workers—since 2000. In the 7<sup>th</sup>

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CD we have A123 battery, Natick labs. That's a good thing. But what happened to the Route 128 miracle? The biotech miracle? Our density of Institutions of higher learning is very, very high, but they've become mere institutions of higher tuition. With unemployment running so high for the past 11 years, you have to wonder if we're getting the bang for all of our grant and contract bucks.

**Energy policy:** See Jon Stewart's *Eight Presidents report*—the capstone being universal healthcare. Paraphrasing: Nixon passed the clean waters act, the soot-free air act. But d'you know why he failed to get an energy policy through Congress? (Because he proposed national health care.) Meaning that he was a Communist, right?! Our only energy policy is wars for pipeline rights-of-way (in Afghanistan today), and wars for oil and air bases (in Iraq today). If we turn "carbon" into a commodity, guess who will feast at the trough? Right—the gambling casino owners—Wall Street.

**Issues to distract us and 'wedge' us apart:** Sex, marriage, drugs and foreigners. The 9th Amendment takes care of sex, marriage, drugs. Fix the economy, and we'll fix the foreigner problem as well. We need "change we can see—in our wallets."

**The Broken Branch:** Congress is not working for us. Members of Congress have always resisted the idea/implementation of an ombudsman, as a representative of the people in regard to making sure all systems work well for ALL citizens. Sweden now has several ombudsmän, for the several agencies, although they just started with one.

Why do our Congress-folk resist the idea of an ombudsman who will assure that the system works well? Because when a system is broken, people have to come to their Congress-folk for a "favor," which is what "constituent work" is all about. If every agency functioned smoothly for every citizen, then "voters" wouldn't need their Congress-folks' help busting through the bureaucratic log-jams. And then Congress-folk would not be owed "favors" (or votes) by the citizens caught in the toils of broken systems.

In other words, it is not in the interest of congress-folks to have federal systems work well for the citizens — if they can't "intervene" to "fix" things, to "expedite" things, then they're going to have to earn votes the old-fashioned way—by convincing their constituents that they are good legislators, that they create fair laws, workable agencies, etc. If political advertising were free, no need to spend 70% of their time raising money, they would have time to read (and write) the 1,000+ page legislation we need, and provide the oversight we so desperately need (*vide* BP Oil).

**Issues which should unite us:** Finding out what really happened on 9/11/2001 to demolish three skyscrapers in New York City and put a big hole in the side of the Pentagon. (And of course killed 2,976 people that day, as best we can tell so far.) The official

story does not match the evidence so far uncovered.

And the severe problem of not really knowing what happened on 9/11 is that the event has been used to justify the launching of two invasions, wars and occupations, with the war and occupation in Afghanistan having now become the longest ever fought by soldiers of the United States of America.

**Middle East:** Iraq: negotiate a deal with the Iraqis for a FAIR share/fair payment/ for their oil. Leases that go for 37 years and an 87.5% cut of the oil revenue, for "foreigners" (that means the US). Do you wonder why the Iraqi Parliament STILL has not signed a "hydro-carbon deal" with the US occupying forces? Ditto with oil pipeline rights-of-way through Afghanistan. And opium, and rare metals. And oh yeah, there's the small matter of 14 city-sized military bases there in addition to the gigundous "US Consulate" in Baghdad. Why do we not have reports (with video, Live at Five) of all those bases? Is it socialism for the Military-Industrial-Intelligence-Legislative complex?

**Israel & Palestine:** What to do? Send teams into the land/country clerk's offices and do title searches in Arabic and Hebrew. Research land titles back to about 1906, say. Figure out who actually has title to what. Meantime, halt all building of settlements in what is considered Palestinian land. (The "four maps" below are on the web. Some call 'em *The Incredible Shrinking Palestine*. Maybe our USGS surveyors could help.



**The federal reserve system:** It's not federal, there's no reserve—it's all "system." Must be turned completely transparent, and/or eliminated.

**Schools:** We gotta stop "teaching to the tests" — it's no way to learn, no way to teach. And reward good teachers.

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