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Our mission is to restore, perfect and maintain our government as a constitutional republic that is dedicated to defending our unalienable rights as individuals to life, liberty and property.

Reflections on Freedom, Part II

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*Freedom 2 a: a political right b: franchise, privilege
synonyms: freedom, liberty, license mean the power or condition
of acting without compulsion.*

In the second definition, Webster refers to what can happen when freedom and liberty are under attack. The word “license” is used. In our modern time, it seems that by a misunderstanding of what freedom means, we have allowed our government to act against us. They have taken license. Under the rules governing our legislative bodies (rules which are self-generated and not subject to a review by the public), legislation is regularly submitted, passed through committees, amended, and added to, all without any one legislator even reading the entire document. Hundreds of additional rules and interpretations slip into law unnoticed by anyone except the party or parties who sought the power and influence.

On June 26, a comprehensive energy bill passed the House of Representatives by a narrow vote. Contained within that bill are countless clauses which will cause the price of American electricity to skyrocket.

Another component of this bill proposes to upset one of the most fundamental characteristics of a civilized economy: the right of citizens to dispose of property they no longer want by openly selling it, contacting a buyer, transacting a payment, and transferring the title or ownership of the property. In what can only be described as a surreal moment in American history, Congressional lawmakers were asked to vote on an amendment offered up at 3 a.m.

Hidden within this amendment were new rules under which all homeowners would be required to upgrade appliances, insulation, windows, and heating and air conditioning systems. No sale will be permitted unless the property is subjected to an energy audit of the government’s design and meets a minimum carbon emission score. This section of the amendment is the closest thing yet from our modern government that is sheer

tyranny.

The idea that any citizen wishing to sell his house to another citizen would first have to buy a new refrigerator is not only preposterous—it’s outrageous. The new owner of any property historically (at least for the last 10,000 years as far as we know) is responsible for making a decision about the suitability of any object purchased. The Romans referred to this as caveat emptor; let the buyer beware. Now our government declares a new rule: let the seller beware.

Freedom has a broad range of application from total absence of restraint to merely a sense of not being unduly hampered or frustrated. We have frequently covered in our essays an encroaching government that uses manufactured crisis to control human settlement activity and suppress commerce. Zoning, permits, and regulatory initiatives like building codes all are controlling our lives and hampering our freedoms. Our economy must wriggle out from underneath the elephant of government we elected to sit on us.

The newest environmental legislation is the elephant on steroids, a tangle of regulation developed to address a myth. Human activity is nowhere near potent enough to influence the march of climate cycles through the ages. Our understanding of these cycles should show us that the cycle of climate swings from cold to warm and back again and previous swings were present in spite of the absence of Edison, Rockefeller, and Ford.

This week the news broke that the ocean is warmer than ever in 130 years of data, while there’s data to be found that many glaciers are actually growing rather than shrinking. All of the global warming hysteria is causing our government to curtail our freedom, and it’s all based on mythological thinking. 🐘

Check it out:

Alaska’s Hubbard Glacier advancing seven feet per day
Monitor the glacier at <http://www.glacierresearch.com/>

http://www.iceagenow.com/List_of_Expanding_Glaciers.htm

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