

THE CONSTITUTION RENEWED

HOW TO RESPOND?

On the 5th in 1774 the Continental Congress meets, as 12 of the 13 British Colonies are represented. This came on the heels of the British blockade of Boston harbor, the Intolerable Acts, and the Boston Tea Party of 1773. The question on everyone's mind, How to Respond? One response was a Peaceful Petition to the King, to address their grievances. Having no effect, the colonies convened the Second Continental Congress the following spring. This was also an early attempt to abolish Slavery in the America. *(The cartoon depicts the time period during 1767)*



On the First Tuesday in 1882 (September 5th that year) we held the **first Labor Day**. Yes, a Tuesday. Early supporters were labor activists and individual states. New York was the first to introduce a bill, however Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on Feb 21, 1887. By June 28, 1894, this became a federal holiday. Yet two people vie for recognitions as founders of this historic day. (Learn More)

On the 6th, **63 days to midterms**, can we ask, what do you know about the voter pool in your state. In Washington State, in one County, a group of like-minded community activists, decided to learn for themselves. Over a year, they began to interview homes to see how well the voter information that the elections office had, matched with reality. They learned that out of 700+ homes, they were able to interview 500+ homes. From these discussions they learned that 1,300+ homes (2+/home) had anomalies that could not be explained. For example, people that received a ballot at the address but for people who did not live there. (Read Here)

On the 9th, **California becomes the 31st State**, yes, an economic powerhouse, and yet they only carry a vote equal to the likes of Delaware or Wyoming when it comes to the passage of a Constitutional Amendment. The state is filled with a wonderful coastline, beautiful landscapes, fantastic farmland, Universities, and weather to match all seasons. No wonder Hollywood found a paradise in which to expand and grow. But remember, all states have an equal vote, regardless of size, when it comes to Constitutional Amendments, Actions.

Ask yourself, does size matter, here?

