

THE CONSTITUTION

“STATES ARE RISING”

THE DEBATE BEGINS

FEDERALIST

Federalist Papers (read all 85 writings)

Supporters of a Strong Federal Government, with Madison, Jay, and Hamilton, also Publius.

This was part of an organized program to solicit support for the signing of the US Constitution and a strong Federal government.

All things considered, the fair and open debate, between both sides, created a stronger Constitution.

Additional Insights: For the next 50+ years we have journal entries and correspondence from many of the founding fathers that were a part of the original debates. In later years they shared insights with others on what was intended as the **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights** that had been debated and voted upon, years earlier.

SAMPLE QUESTION TO ASK: **Is the Department of Transportation legitimately organized and authorized as a government agency?** Here is what 3 presidents had to say.

March 3rd, 1817, President Madison (aka, Father of the Constitution) veto's Internal Improvements Bill (Department of Transportation) *"I am constrained by the insuperable difficulty I feel in reconciling the bill with the Constitution of the United States to return it with that objection to the House of Representatives, in which it originated. The legislative powers vested in Congress are specified and enumerated in the eighth section of the first article of the Constitution, and it does not appear that the power proposed to be exercised by the bill is among the enumerated powers..."* (Simply the power did not exist for the Federal Government.)

In 1822, President Monroe, (Founding Father) *"...did not think that the Constitution said anything about the authority to build, maintain, and operate a national transportation system. He therefore urged Congress to introduce a constitutional amendment granting it such power..."* (Recognizes that the States have not approved via a Constitutional Amendment.)

May 27, 1830, President Jackson, in reference to the construction of or to promote works of internal improvement (Roads), *"...Although frequently and strenuously attempted, the power to this extent has never been exercised by the Government in a single instance. It does not, in my opinion, possess it; and no bill, therefore, which admits it can receive my official sanction..."*

Yet in 1966, President Johnson created the Department of Transportation.

Did the Congress send a Constitutional Amendment **to the States** for Ratification?

Did the States pass a Constitutional Amendment for creating a Department of Transportation?

Has this been done in other areas of government? Have the States woken up?

Did the States ratify an Amendment to the Constitution that gave the federal government the ability to create any role, responsibility, or power they felt necessary?

ANTI-FEDERALIST

Anti-Federalist Papers (read 232 pages)

Supporters of States and Individual Rights.

Notable Players:

Thomas Jefferson | Patrick Henry (8:03)

Samuel Adams | George Mason

Richard Henry Lee | Robert Yates (aka Brutus)

James Monroe | Amos Singletary

Cato (perhaps George Clinton)

Samual Bryan (aka Centinel)

Federal Farmer (perhaps Melancton Smith or

Richard Henry Lee)