

SESSION 1

Introduction and Preamble

I. Introduction

- A. Who am I (Ron Cline)
- B. Review Session outline
- C. Review bibliography
- D. What we probably won't cover
 - 1. Origin of ideas for Constitution
 - a. Montesque, Machiavelli, etc.
 - 2. Court cases except for few most important

II. Introduction to Preamble

- A. Not part of Convention Debate
- B. Added by Committee on Style (Gouvernor Morris)
- C. Not part of body of Constitution

III. Preamble

- A. "We the people..."
 - 1. Nationalists, Federalists, and Anti-Federalists
- B. "...do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"
- C. "...in order to..."
 - a. "...form a more perfect union..."
 - 1) better than the Articles of Confederation
 - b. "...establish justice..."
 - 1) federal courts
 - 2) specific legal rights
 - c. "...insure domestic tranquility..."
 - 1) such as putting down rebellions (Shay's)
 - d. "...provide for the common defence..."
 - e. "...promote the general welfare..."
 - 1) see also Article 1, Section 8
 - f. "...secure the blessings of liberty..."