 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
CANCELING MIDTERM ELECTIONS? It's all about whose ox is being gored!

By Stephen L. Bakke  November 5, 2014



Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! I hope you saw that commentary in your hometown rag about doing away with "midterm elections," and your esteemed former Mayor Fraser gave his support! Sounds like a little too much "whining and sour grapes" to me! You should do a little educating of the people in your city! - Stefano Bachovich - obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit - a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything - my primary "go to guy."

Here's my response 😊:

Canceling midterm elections? It's all about "whose ox is being gored" - and who's doin' the gorin'!

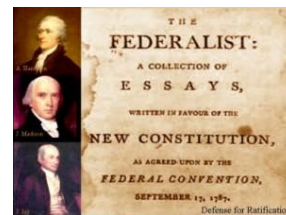
In his 11-5 letter, "DFL superstar" Don Fraser gives his support to a 11-4 commentary by Duke University pundits David Schanzer and Jay Sullivan. "The Dukies" believe that midterm elections should be eliminated because the Founders' purpose in that procedure "no longer makes sense." They argue:

- Social media, cable news, etc. provide all the communication and accountability needed.
- A "midterm" election serves "to weaken the President" and "cripples that same president's ability to advance (an) agenda."

My response:

- Keeping the power of the presidency in check was one of the most important goals of our Founders!
- Keeping the entire government accountable was also a goal of the Founders, and I submit that is really only accomplished through voting - not just through having access to important information. One must be able to act on that information

Before one jumps on the "silly midterms" bandwagon, they should read the Founders' intentions as told by James Madison himself in "The Federalist Papers" #s 51, 52, and 53. For him it was all about managing human nature and preserving liberty!



And by the way, where were these writers and Mr. Fraser in 2006 when George W. Bush was "slam-dunked" by democrat U.S. House and Senate victories? When you think about it, the desire to cancel midterm elections is all about "**whose ox is being gored - and who's doin' the gorin'**"!

Mayor Fraser, the fellows from Duke are apparently not above "whining," but you most certainly should be!