

YOU, THE MONEY, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF THE THING

WHAT YOU ~~CAN~~ DO TO FIX YOUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Most of us have heard some version of a joke with the punchline “I am from the Federal Government and I am here to help you”. Nowadays the exact opposite is true, and it is no joke. We The People must help our Federal Government, and We The People are the only ones who can.

The financial management of the Federal Government is a mess. It has been a mess for a long time and it is getting worse. If we don't fix it, and fix it soon, our national government could go broke. And if that happens, the consequences will be far worse than the right solution adopted right now.

The good news is that there *is* a solution, and we need only our common sense and our collective will to make it happen.

We The People must adopt a Bill of Financial Responsibilities™—five brief, effective, financial management amendments to the U.S. Constitution that provide a common sense, clear set of rules for our elected and appointed leaders to properly manage the \$4 trillion we sent them every year.

This landmark will become the first package of amendments since the Bill of Rights were ratified in 1791. An effective version has been written and is ready to go. It is about four pages long.

Sounds like somebody else's job, doesn't it? No it isn't. It is what a free people do when the government of the people that we created gets off course. It is what a free people do when their elected officials can't, or won't.

Don't let anyone tell you this is too complicated, too “inside the Beltway” for the people to accomplish.

Could it become a lawyer's dream, with smoke-filled rooms full of lobbyists and academics producing sneaky minutia that nobody understands? Not if we do it right and really put the people in charge of doing it.

It is time to stop listening to political scorekeepers picking nightly winners and losers, punctuated by partisan name-calling reported 24/7 on cable-TV and social media.

There is a better way. Let's do it together.

Join former financial executive and government project manager, now author and speaker John H. Ramsey, as he explains with humor and clarity why his common sense amendment is the right answer, and why now is the right time to amend our beloved Constitution.

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John H. Ramsey has been a Senior Business Executive and a Management Consultant for over forty years. He is writing a book with the working title *We the People and Our Money — What You Must Do to Fix Our Federal Government*.

For thirteen years Mr. Ramsey held various executive positions in finance, including Chief Financial Officer of two large companies. In these capacities, Mr. Ramsey was instrumental in raising \$60 million in the public and private capital markets, and acquiring or starting six companies. Additionally he served as Chief Operating Officer of a multi-state mortgage banker; and Director of a commercial bank.

John was a founding shareholder of a global management consulting firm organized to combine the best of independent local profit centers with the worldwide resources of a large multinational. He served as the firm's first Chairman and helped guide the organization's growth to approximately 34 offices in 21 countries worldwide. The firm continues today, and is active on six continents, thirty years after its founding.

Over the course of his career, John:

- Prepared and delivered more than 300 formal presentations and briefings to boards of directors and to senior executive groups in private industry as well as in the Department of Defense.
- Chaired a special financial task force chartered by the Secretary of Defense and the DOD Industry Advisory Council to review adequacy of defense contract profits, policies on pre-delivery financing, and interest disallowability.
- Sparked an 8% average reduction in government pre-delivery financing of all defense contracts.
- Introduced a system to recognize return on investment in determining profit objectives on defense contracts, the first official recognition of ROI in defense procurement history.
- Reduced long-standing inequities in the amount of government pre-delivery financing provided to small vs. larger defense contractors.

John was an officer in the Air Force, where for three years he was a project manager in a large defense system acquisition. He is also a Vietnam Veteran whose decorations include The Air Force Commendation Medal and The Bronze Star.

John earned a BS degree from Tufts University, where he was a Dean's List student and a member of two honorary societies. He received an MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School and was listed in *Who's Who in America* for fifteen years. He was selected for the Leadership Cleveland program is currently a member of The Leadership Sarasota Alumni.

From 2011–2015 Mr. Ramsey was an adjunct Management Consultant with two large Florida community foundations, providing consulting services to numerous nonprofit organizations in the greater Gulf Coast, Florida area. From July, 2008 until September, 2010 Mr. Ramsey was a consultant to, and part-time Chief Financial Officer of, a nonprofit scientific research institute in Sarasota.

John is married to Jo-Anne Sheldon and has three children, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

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