



Support for the Alabama Legal Tender Act

While the rampant inflation facing Americans today is largely a federal problem, Alabama doesn't have to sit idly by while citizens suffer from a broken monetary system.

That's why I strongly support SBXXX, the Alabama Legal Tender Act. Passing this symbolic bill simply affirms that gold and silver can be considered legal tender when it's voluntarily agreed upon by both parties.

This concept is consistent with the U.S. Constitution. In fact, Article 1 Section 10 reads: "*No state shall...coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; [or] make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts...*"

America's 53-year experiment in fiat currency has gone poorly, just as followers of the Austrian School of Economics predicted. We've seen a continuing decline in the purchasing power of the Federal Reserve Note "dollar" accompanied by a series of Fed-created booms caused by interest rate manipulation, followed by increasingly severe busts and an explosive growth in government spending.

Alabama has recently passed multiple pieces of legislation supporting the right of citizens in our state to buy and use gold and silver, as the U.S. Constitution prescribes. Declaring that gold and silver are indeed legal tender in the state would reaffirm the metals' status as money.

In 2024, nearby Louisiana signed legislation into law declaring gold and silver as money in their state. Other states have passed legislation recently determining that gold and silver are money, including Wyoming, Arkansas, and Utah.

By reaffirming legal tender status of gold and silver, the state would be sending a welcoming message to individuals, businesses, and other economic activity such as relevant conventions and exhibits.

Additionally, legislation such as this lays the groundwork for future, more meaningful, legislation, such as establishing the Alabama Gold Reserve, like many other states are considering, for example.

When savers, wage earners, and investors are seeking ways to protect their savings from the ravages of inflation, they often choose precious metals over fiat currency because precious metals have preserved purchasing power over time.

This bill provides symbolic support to Alabama citizens making this choice, and it is a modest next step in establishing sound money policies in the state.