

**Lesson 28: Naturalization & Bankruptcy**

(Lesson Time 38:38)

[for Sunday, August 9, 2015]

Reading: *The Making of America*, pages 411-417

***Chapter 16: Naturalization & Bankruptcy***

Pre-lesson questions for homework study and review: [*Supplemental* notes are bracketed]  
[287 Constitution Provisions “principles” in text.]

1. WHY WAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVEN POWER TO REGULATE COMMERCE WITH THE INDIANS? (PAGES 410-11)

***[This question was covered in the last lesson, but notes reproduced here for review.]***

*Provision 84*

*Regulate Commerce with Indians*

*o Tribes treated as separate governments by federal government*

*o 1824 Bureau of Indian affairs*

*o 1830 Indian Removal Act [e.g. “Trail of Tears” Cherokees]*

*o 1924 Indians granted U.S. citizenship– Notes are from Lesson 27]*

2. What has proven to be our nation's greatest resource? (411-12)

Naturalization

Provision 85

Congress to establish rules of naturalization.

- o United States a nation of immigrants*
- o Greatest resource is people*
- o Many Nations caught up in Malthusian complex*
  - Malthus, British Economist*
  - Nightmare of overpopulation*
- o John Adams = 200-300 million people*
- o Complaint against King George in Declaration= he prevents the population of the colonies*

3. EXPLAIN THE DIFFICULTY IN ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT OF EXPATRIATION. (412)

The Right of Expatriation

- o British:*
  - refused to allow citizens to terminate citizenship*
  - took British-born Americans off ships at sea to serve in British navy (Impressment)*
  - 1870 finally passed law allowing*
- o Americans:*
  - Expatriation is an unalienable right*

4. WHAT RIGHTS DOES A SOVEREIGN NATION HAVE IN RELATION TO IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION? (412-13)

- Government may set quotas, qualifications, restrictions*
- 1952 = 31 categories excluded*
- today – many restrictions not allowed due to handicap.*

5. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES? (413-14)

Requirements for citizenship

- o 18 years old
- o lawful entered
- o lived in US 5 years
- o good moral character, 2 witnesses
  - no drunks, adulterers, gamblers, in jail more than 100 days
- o know US History and Constitution!
- o know English
- o Must take and Oath – page 414.
- o New citizen have all civil rights except one
  - cannot be president or VP

6. HOW CAN ONE'S CITIZENSHIP BE FORFEITED? (415)

Citizenship Forfeited

- o become citizen of other nation
- o Take oath of another nation
- o Join other military
- o Accept public office
- o Vote in other nation
- o Renounce US citizenship
- o Desertion in war time (court overturned this)
- o Treason (giving aid to enemy)
- o Fleeing to evade military service in war
  - courts have overturned

7. DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES. (416-17)

Provision 86

Congress to establish uniform laws of bankruptcy

- o Bankruptcy = debts exceed assets
- o Must protect against interstate criminals
- o Many changes – quote (1800, 1803 passed and repealed this law for example)
- o History
  - Rome - dismember body of debtor
  - England – seize and distribute property
- o Only bankrupt every 6 years

3 Kinds of Bankruptcy

- o Chapter XI (11) – Corporation files to get creditors off back for a time
- o Chapter XIII (13) – Individual files to get creditors off back for a time
- o Chapter VII (7)
  - Individuals or Corporations
  - giving up, starting over
  - most often used
  - courts allow to keep certain things

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QUIZ - LESSON 28

1. WHAT DID THE FOUNDERS CONSIDER AS THE NATION'S GREATEST RESOURCE?

2. WHAT IS EXPATRIATION? WHAT KIND OF A RIGHT IS IT?

3. GIVE TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP.

4. GIVE TWO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP.

5. THE FINAL STEP IN GAINING CITIZENSHIP IS TO TAKE AN \_\_\_\_\_ OF ALLEGIANCE.

6. SOME LEADERS HAVE TRIED TO SOLVE THE ILLEGAL ALIEN PROBLEM BY GRANTING THEM

7. GIVE TWO WAYS CITIZENSHIP CAN BE FORFEITED.

8. GIVE TWO ADDITIONAL WAYS CITIZENSHIP CAN BE FORFEITED.

9. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON WOULD LOSE HIS CITIZENSHIP IF HE EVADED MILITARY SERVICE BY LEAVING THE COUNTRY?

10. DEFINE BANKRUPTCY.

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11. WHY DID THE FOUNDERS FEEL IT SHOULD BE UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL?

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12. BANKRUPTCY FILED BY A CORPORATION TO DELAY LEGAL ACTION IS CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

13. BANKRUPTCY FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO DELAY LEGAL ACTION IS CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

14. BANKRUPTCY WHICH RESULTS IN AN INDIVIDUAL'S ASSETS BEING SOLD TO PAY CREDITOR  
IS CALLED CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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### TO PONDER & PROPOSE

#### →ON CITIZENSHIP:

How is ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION to be best dealt with today without rendering those who have already earned citizenship legally from being slighted?

Are there inequalities about which some have been unable to become legal that deserve just attention and alteration?

How can this problem be rectified in Congress today?

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#### →ON BANKRUPTCY:

IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTLY TO BLAME FOR HIGH RATES OF BANKRUPTCY BECAUSE THEY ARE THEMSELVES NEGLIGENT STEWARDS OF THE TREASURY? [They turned over this responsibility to the Federal Reserve (private central banking firms) in 1913, and later allowed removal of the gold standard in 1972 which began fractional reserve practice of inflating the money supply and destroying the value of the money American's trade.]

IS BANKRUPTCY BIBLICAL and RIGHTEOUS for America to allow in our Law system?

Are there nations which today forbid bankruptcy? If so, how do they deal with this problem in society?