

Ref.: SB 227. Opposed

Dear Connecticut legislators:

Just heard about your State's SB 227 relating to ivory.

Considering the suggested penalties, why stop short of the guillotine or drawing and quartering anyone caught with ivory???

After all your mothers or grannies who innocently bought ivory jewelry from Macy's or J.C. Penny's in the 1950's and '60's committed unforgiverable crimes to today's rabid animal rights activists. Isn't now the time to visit the crimes of the parents upon their children? Why hold your punches?

Seriously though, your legislators there need to recognize the ridiculousness of the bill before you as it's written.

In Hawaii some years back, a similar draconian bill was first proposed. Fortunately our politicians had the good sense to jetison it. Hope there is intelligence beyond that of an aphid in your legislature, so that the bill likewise dies a quick death.

The question you should be entertaining is that of personal property rights as they apply to legally held pre-ban 1970's and '90's ivories. Congressional CAFRA laws on the verge of being strengthen should also influence your consideration. And if not that, then Judiciary rulings which most certainly will invalidate Obama's overreaching Executive Order banning vintage, fossilized and undocumented antique ivory and his misdirected* USFWS actions since then (*as in 180•turnabout of their prior assessment about "America's non-significant role in the illegal ivory trade").

Ivories brought to Connecticut from tall ship times through the World Wars and returning Viet Nam veterans predate all the bans. That plus your historic tradition of painted ivory portrait miniatures and scrimshaw all need to be left alone!

These animal rights fanatics have no more right to push to ban these old stock traditional ivory items then demanding that you officially apologize for your mother having eaten hamburgers in the 1950's.

If you want to spin your wheels and waste your time by appeasing the HSUS and folks of their ilk, then have at it. Otherwise have the good sense to kill SB 227.

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