



# America Here's Your Competition

Constitution & Bill of Rights vs Administrative Law

## A Private Corporation-Owned by the Federal Government and Operated by The Department of Justice is Stealing Your Job!

“... So in the 1930s, when the Federal Government said we need to have prisoners working, we need to have them employed, as the Federal Government established Federal Prison Industries, as they established UNICOR, they said we need to make sure that we keep Federal prisoners, people who have broken the law, that we keep them busy and we keep them occupied in such a way that there is minimum competition with private industry or private labor. It is a great goal; it is a great objective. That is the mandate of Federal Prison Industries.

Too bad, 70 years later this company has forgotten its roots. This goes through this administration, it goes through the Justice Dept. Under this administration, Federal Prison Industries has become a growth industry. Net sales increased last year from \$583 million to \$678 million. Imagine that you had constituents in your hometown who worked in the office furniture industry, who worked in the textile industry, who made automotive components, who made a whole series or range of products.

*Many of these industries are hurting.*

Federal Prison Industries grew office furniture from a business of \$74 million to \$117 million, a 24% growth rate. As Federal Prison Industries, as this administration, as this Justice Dept. has grown, Federal Prison Industries at a rate of 24%, the industry has decreased by 40%. The office furniture industry in America today, whether it is in western Michigan, whether it is in Iowa, whether it is in Pennsylvania, or whether it is in factories down south, is in a recession. Some would say it is more close to a depression. The overall industry volume has declined by 40 percent.”

- House Congressional Record, May 20, 2003

As if NAFTA and Free Trade agreements were not enough to hurt American manufacturers - now we have this!



Take a look at this website, looks just like a corporate site, be sure to note who they "employ". The site goes on to promote automotive services, graphics and printing, furniture restoration, custom wood products just to name a few. Go check it out for yourself, after all, you need to know your "competition" [www.iowaprisoinnd.com](http://www.iowaprisoinnd.com)

Federal prison office furniture factories:  
**Arkansas** – Forrest City  
**California** – Dublin & Taft  
**Colorado** – Florence  
**Florida** – Coleman, Lumpoc, Marianna & Tallahassee  
**Kentucky** – Ashland

**Pennsylvania** – Allenwood, McKees Rocks & Schuylkill  
**Michigan** – Milan  
**West Virginia** – Morgantown  
**Oregon** – Sheridan  
**Texas** – Texarkana  
**West Virginia** – Beckley

# The Sad Story in America



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Pete Hoekstra Rep. 2nd District, Michigan, House Congressional Record 5/20/03

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## Congressman fights for American Jobs

As reported in WorldNetDaily.com, The Grand Rapids Press and the Detroit Free Press. On May 20, 2003, Pete Hoekstra went to bat for Steelcase on the House Floor. Throughout this flyer are excerpts from the Congressional Record, May 20, 2003.

“The sad story in America, in the American economy today, is that one of the fastest growing businesses in America, one of the fastest growing manufacturing and service industries in America today, you will not find traded on the NASDAQ, you will not find it traded on the New York Stock Exchange, you will not find it listed in NFIB as one of the fastest growing entrepreneurial companies in America or one of the fastest growing small businesses in America. The sad point is one of the fastest growing companies in America today is a company that pays 23 cents an hour, provides no benefits and pays no taxes and is run by the Federal Government and attacks American workers and their families each and every day.

For Federal Prison Industries it is a growth business, such a growth business that a little less than a year ago, Hathaway Shirts in Maine had to shut their doors after a major shirt order went to Federal Prison Industries and did not go to private competition, to the private sector.

Some may say this is what it means to create high-quality, high-paying jobs in America. But for these 21,779 workers it means being paid at a rate of 23 cents to \$1.15 an hour. Not a bad deal.

Not a bad deal for the Federal prisons, but a terrible deal for the workers at Hathaway Shirts; a terrible deal for

that community in Maine that now has a factory whose doors have been padlocked, that has lost revenue in the tax base. There is something wrong with this picture when the administration decides that creating jobs in Federal prisons is more important than keeping employers employing people

**“...Shame on this Justice Department. Shame on this Justice Department for putting American workers in a position where they cannot even compete for their own jobs. Shame on this Justice Department for going out and signing contracts with Canadian companies that put American workers out of jobs. Shame on this Justice Department for forcing the American Federal Government to buy Canadian products...”**

- House C.R., May 20, 2003

in the private sector. But like I said, at least the folks in this Justice Department have defined Federal Prison Industries as a growth industry in America and an industry that they have grown by 16% over the last year, and where, in some cases, they have put in place plans to grow certain market segments by up to 50 percent in 2003. By the way, as we close factories in your community and those tax dollars are lost to the community, sorry, we are not going to add back into your tax coffers with our 111 factories or the 17 new ones we are going to build. That is just a loss for the community, and we are sure you will get over it.” - House C.R., May 20, 2003

## Mandatory sourcing: If we make it, you, the Federal Government, must buy it.

As Hoekstra reports in this transcript, the Department of Justice owns and operates 111 of these factories in 71 different locations. They are projecting that they are going to build another 17 new facilities. Prison Industries grew in 2002 by 14%. They plan to grow some markets by 50% in 2003.

There is only one way that Prison Industries can grow and project these types of figures. The Department of Justice must prosecute enough citizens to keep up with production. In other words, John Ashcroft and his army of prosecuting attorneys need more power.

## ***The Patriot Act I and II should come to mind here.***

While the American manufacturers are fleeing to other countries, because they can't compete against high health care costs, high taxes, and higher labor costs, Prison Industries is just quietly growing.

Americans concerned about this issue, about their future and the future of their kids should be asking their congressmen some very serious questions about Federal Prison Industries, such as:

1. Who are the share holders in the private corporation known as Federal Prison Industries, Inc?
2. Where do the profits from this corporation go?
3. Why is Federal Prison Industries exempt from paying any Taxes if it is a for-profit Corporation?

When the Federal Government owns and operates a for-profit Corporation such as Prison Industries, it becomes a very profitable business to prosecute and incarcerate us. This can only be accomplished by taking our Rights away through the courts.

## **How About Some Good News?**

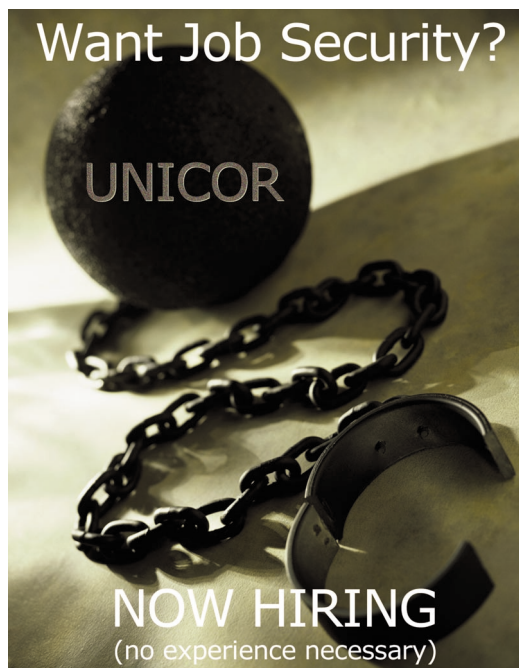
On October 1, Chicago became the latest city to pass a resolution against the USA PATRIOT Act (Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act). In the nearly two years since it was passed on October 26, 2001, over 180 towns and cities across America have passed legislation against the Act. Three states, Alaska, Hawaii and Vermont, have also passed resolutions against the Act. Many more are in the works and the movement is growing.

The Patriot Act was passed in haste shortly after September 11, by a US Congress, which has since admitted that it didn't actually read or understand all the implications. Over 300 pages long the Patriot Act is an unwieldy piece of legislation; so their excuse sounds plausible. Except when you think about what is at stake. At stake are our individual rights guaranteed by the US Constitution. This legislation shackles the very people that are supposedly being protected.

***It's time for all sleeping Americans to wake up!!***

“So while this Justice Department continues on its growth path and says, in the Justice Department we believe in creating high-quality, high-paying jobs, we are going to create more of those 23-cent an-hour jobs, we are going to create more of those 40-cent an-hour jobs, we are going to build more of those factories that pay no Federal taxes, that pay no local taxes, and pay no State taxes. Because we think that that is good for America's economy.”

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Want Job Security?

UNICOR

NOW HIRING  
(no experience necessary)

**There are 111 prison factories in 71 different locations around America. The Justice Dept. wants to build 17 more in the next five years!**

Take a look at what they produce.

**Fleet management.** Vehicular components. The business group. Rebuild and refurbish vehicle components. New vehicle retrofit services. Customized services and programs. Turn-key solutions.

**Clothing and textiles.** Law enforcement, medical, military and institutional apparel. Mattresses, bedding, linens and towels. Embroidery, screen printing, custom-made draperies and curtains.

**Industrial products.** Dorm and quarters furnishings. Industrial racking. Catwalks. Warehouse office shelving. Custom fabricated industrial products. Lockers and storage cabinets. Optical eye wear. Security fencing. Replacement filters.

**Graphics business group.** Custom engraving and printing on awards, promotional gifts and license plates. Interior and exterior architectural safety and recreational signs.

**Printing and creative design services.** Remanufacturing of toner cartridges.

**Office furniture group.** Office furnishings and accessories. Seating products. Case goods. Training and table products.

**Office systems products.** Filing and storage products. Packaged office solutions. A turnkey solution.

**Electronics business group.** Exterior and interior task lighting systems. Wire harness assemblies and circuit boards. Electrical components and connectors. Electrical cables, both braided and cord assemblies. Phoenix, Arizona Rochester, Minnesota

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“This Justice Department has forgotten the original mission of Federal Prison Industries, the one that said, we will have a minimal impact on the market or free labor.

The factory will not pay any property taxes to support your local schools, to support your local business infrastructure. It will not pay any State taxes. The workers will not pay any Social Security. The workers are not even covered by OSHA.”

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