



Setback for Ron Paul & Liberty Movement

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Texas Congressman Dr. Ron Paul, who has yet to stop his campaign to be the Republican presidential nominee, and his Liberty Movement were handed a loss in the battle to place the Doctor's name in nomination from the floor of the Republican National Convention the last week of this month in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Having appealed the decision of the Louisiana State Republican Party to send its own slate of delegates to the convention and not the slate offered by the Liberty Movement, The Committee on Contests dismissed the action from Paul. The CoC ruled that the state party executive committee did have the authority to supplement, amend, add to or take way portions of the rules and were correct in sanctioning the state convention's slate that was counter to the Liberty Movement's slate.

Paul's campaign manager, John Tate, said in an email, "We are disappointed and are fighting tooth and nail. This was but the first step. We are appealing their wrongheaded decision and will be taking it to the credentials committee."

It is believed that the Paulites may appeal the CoC decision to either the Credentials Committee or to the floor of the full convention delegates. Such a move, however, is not expected to be found in Paul's favor.

Paul and his supporters are still holding out for at least for a prime time speaking spot. That is seeming less and less likely.

The ruling by the CoC indicates that the establishment is not going to stand idly by as Paulites attempt a hostile takeover of the national political entity. Rather the establishment is determined that the convention will be a celebration of the nomination of presumptive nominee Mitt Romney.

The Liberty Movement still has contentions and objections to delegates in Maine, Massachusetts and Oregon. However, party rules require a 5-state plurality in order for Paul to be nominated from the floor.

As I reported a few days ago, a federal judge tossed a lawsuit challenge from the Paulites, but did allow the Liberty Movement to re-file a challenge. Even if a challenge is re-filed, it is doubtful a ruling will be issued to alter the current make-up at the GOP National Convention.

With the selection of Paul Ryan as Romney's running mate, the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, came out today in favor of the pick. Paul's supporters are primarily libertarian leaning in philosophy.

From the Cornfield, it appears that the Romney campaign is bit-by-bit solidify the party around their man, Mitt.