The English Bill of Rights

**December 16, 1689**

An Act for Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown…

1. That the pretended power of suspending of laws, or the execution of laws by regal authority, without consent of Parliament, is illegal.

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4. That levying money for or to the use of the Crown by pretence of prerogative, without grant of Parliament, for longer time or in other manner than the same is or shall be granted, is illegal.

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5. That it is the right of the subjects to petition the King, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal.

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7. That the subjects which are Protestants may have arms for their defence suitable to their conditions, and as allowed by law.

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9. That the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament.

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10. That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed; nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

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12. That all grants and promises of fines and forfeitures of particular persons before conviction are illegal and void.

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