

Protest of the Anfuso Bill on Handguns

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches protests the Anfuso Bill, H. R. 613, January 3, 1961, which requires the registration of all civilian pistols with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The danger of this bill is that Fascists and Communists have used registration and subsequent confiscation of firearms to render the people helpless against violent revolution and dictatorship. This bill would be an unwarranted impairment of the Federal Bill of Rights which guarantees the right of all citizens to keep and bear arms in defense of law, life, and country. We recommend that this bill be rejected and also the repeal of the Federal Firearms Act of 1938, which distorts the Interstate Commerce clause and grants broad and dangerous powers including registration of weapons to the Secretary of Treasury.

*May 14-18, 1962
Springfield, Massachusetts*