

Almost \$5 Million for Unratified Pact

Bush Funds Law of the Sea Treaty Organizations In New Federal Budget

America's Survival, Inc. (ASI), the nation's premier U.N. watchdog organization, has blasted the Bush Administration for requesting almost \$5 million for two Law of the Sea Treaty organizations, despite the fact that the treaty hasn't been ratified by the Senate and is in serious trouble in that body. ASI President Cliff Kincaid called the budget request an affront to Congress and the Constitution.

"Under our system," Kincaid said, "treaties have to pass the Senate before they are implemented. This budget request suggests that the administration is going forward with implementation of the treaty without a Senate vote."

international rubber study group	152	-	155	-	157	✓
International Seabed Authority	-	-	-	-	1,296	
International Seed Testing Association	10	-	11	-	11	
International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	-	-	-	-	3,608	✓
International Tropical Timber						

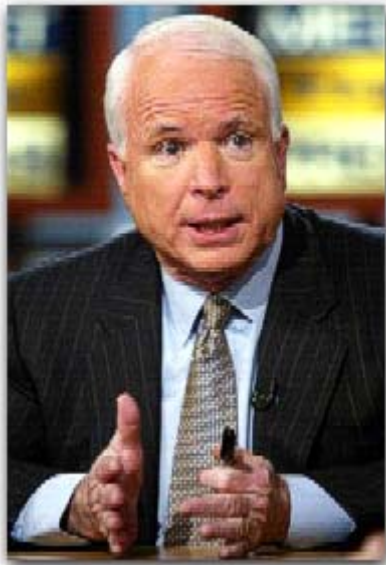
The category of "Contributions to International Organizations" in the Bush budget includes a fiscal year 2009 request of \$1,296,000 for the International Seabed Authority and \$3,608,000 for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. These are organizations established by the Law of the Sea Treaty, which has passed a Senate committee but not the full Senate. The Senate's top Republicans are opposed to the pact and have asked Bush to withdraw the treaty from Senate consideration.

- **TAKE ACTION: Protest the funding of the Law of the Sea Treaty organizations. Call the White House Office of Management and Budget 202-395-3080. Call OMB's press office at 202-395-7254. Ask Jim Nussle, director of the Office of Management and Budget, for the constitutional justification for requesting funding for a treaty that has NOT been ratified.**

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U.N. Double Talk From ‘Straight Talker’ McCain On the Law of the Sea Treaty

On one of the big issues – the role of the United Nations in world affairs – the so-called “Straight Talker” has been guilty of double talk. Senator John McCain has taken contradictory positions on Senate ratification of the U.N.’s Law of the Sea Treaty.



Senator McCain

Here’s a listing of McCain’s various statements on the treaty:

- McCain joins liberal Republican Senators Susan Collins and John Chafee in a 1998 letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urging immediate consideration and approval of the Law of the Sea.
- McCain declares to Senator Richard Lugar in 2003 that he wants to testify in support of ratification but a scheduling conflict prevented his appearance before the Foreign Relations Committee for this purpose.
- McCain submits written testimony in 2003 in support of the treaty to the Foreign Relations Committee.
- McCain tells conservative bloggers on October 25, 2007, that he would “probably” vote against it because it negatively affects U.S. sovereignty.
- McCain sends a letter to a constituent on November 14, 2007, declaring that the treaty is beneficial to the U.S. but that he will keep in mind the objections to it.

There is nothing to suggest that McCain wants to eliminate or even reduce U.S. participation in any global agencies or institutions. He declared in a *Foreign Affairs* article that he is a supporter of global institutions such as the U.N., a so-called “League of Democracies” to “compliment” the U.N. or other international organizations, and will work “multilaterally” in foreign affairs. He says America should welcome “a strong, confident European Union,” favors strengthening the U.N.’s Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, and says that the annual budget of the U.N.’s International Atomic Energy Administration “must be substantially increased so that the agency can meet its monitoring and safeguarding tasks.” He advocates “humanitarian intervention,” a doctrine also known as the “Responsibility to Protect,” which gives the U.N. Security Council unprecedented power to intervene in the internal affairs of sovereign nations. He praised Brazil for contributing to U.N. “peacekeeping” operations.

The pro-world government lobby known as Citizens for Global Solutions, which strongly supports the treaty, thinks McCain was just pandering to conservatives when he told those bloggers he was against the treaty in its current form. McCain "can't run" from his record of support for the measure, it says.

TAKE ACTION: Contact Senator McCain and ask him to publicly declare his opposition to the U.N.'s Law of the Sea Treaty.

- **McCain Senate office: 202-224-2235.**
- **McCain presidential campaign office: 703-650-5550.
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PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO SENATOR MCCAIN:

Senator John McCain
215 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator McCain:

We are writing to request clarification of your stand on Senate ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), also known as the Law of the Sea Treaty.

In 2003, you submitted written testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee expressing unqualified support for the treaty. A copy of your testimony is available at <http://www.oceanlaw.org/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=64>

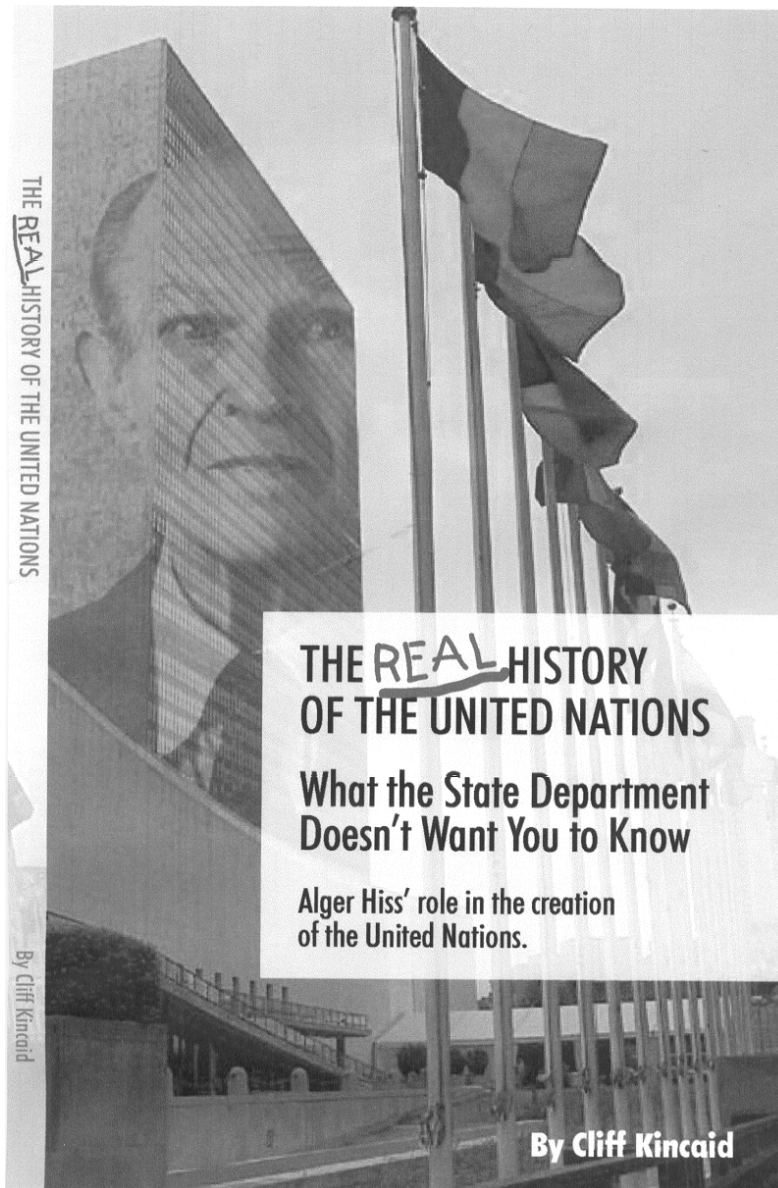
However, during an October 25, 2007, exchange with conservative bloggers, you said you wanted to see "some changes" to the treaty and would "probably" vote against it. You declared, "I'm just too concerned about the aspect of United States sovereignty being handed over to some international organization," an apparent reference to the International Seabed Authority (ISA) or one of the other international bodies associated with UNCLOS. The transcript of your comments with the bloggers can be found at <http://robertbluey.com/blog/2007/10/25/mccain-would-oppose-law-of-the-sea-treaty/>

A website subsequently posted a letter, dated November 14, 2007, that you sent to an Arizona constituent, declaring your support of the treaty but acknowledging you were aware of objections to it. This letter was posted at <http://seeingredaz.wordpress.com/2007/11/15/more-straight-talk-from-john-mccain/>

Since the treaty could come up for a Senate vote at any time, we respectfully request that you clarify these matters at your earliest possible convenience and declare your strong and direct opposition to the treaty.

We also ask that you sign the letter being circulated by some of your Senate colleagues asking President Bush to withdraw the pact from Senate consideration.

COMING SOON FROM AMERICA'S SURVIVAL, INC.:



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