

DO YOU WANT A U.N. ON STEROIDS?



Senator Joseph Biden had hoped to commemorate U.N. Day, October 24, by getting his Foreign Relations Committee to rubber-stamp a resolution of ratification for the U.N.'s controversial Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST). This accord gives a UN-affiliated organization the authority to control 70% of the world's surface, as well as economic and industrial activities on land that affect the oceans. As a practical matter, it can apply to the entire world.

Given the extremely disappointing track record of the UN and related agencies – blighted by endemic corruption, incompetence and anti-American policies – why would anyone want to entrust them irreversibly with these and other sweeping powers:

- LOST sets up mandatory international tribunals with foreign judges capable of interfering with our military and commercial activities on and affecting the high seas, even if our government and Supreme Court disagree.
- Its unaccountable International Seabed Authority, now the subject of explosive corruption allegations, can exercise jurisdiction over potentially billions of dollars worth of oil, gas and minerals in international waters and extract global “fees” (another word for taxes) from U.S. companies seeking to develop those resources.
- Its production arm, known as “the Enterprise,” can demand money and sensitive technology from American businesses and transfer them to unfriendly countries and even “national liberation movements.”
- LOST also establishes ominous precedents for U.N. management of Outer Space and the Internet, with potentially far-reaching and negative implications for U.S. economic and national security interests.

President Reagan believed that a treaty giving a UN-modeled organization such powers would pose an unacceptable threat to American sovereignty and rejected it 25 years ago. Yet, supporters of the pact insist his objections were somehow “fixed” by President Clinton and that it deserves to be ratified today.

In fact, as William P. Clark and Edwin Meese noted in an October 8 Wall Street Journal op-ed., Mr. Reagan viewed LOST as fatally flawed, “an effort to promote global government at the expense of sovereign nation states – and most especially the United States.” They make clear his concerns have not been addressed and that this country should not ratify it.

Tell your Senators that you agree with President Reagan and urge them to reject the Law of the Sea Treaty NOW.

Call your Senators at 1-800-828-0498.

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