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RE: SJ 7 (Resolution urging U.S Congress to Withdraw United States Membership from the United Nations); Sponsored by Senator Dave Lewis

Chairman Buttrey, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Ed Regan (R-E-G-A-N), I reside in Townsend Montana.

Today I stand before you in support of SJ 7 (Resolution to Withdraw from the United Nations). I urge this Committee to approve the measure and send it to the full Senate.

In the past, the United States has attempted to curb UN abuses by urging the UN to reform itself. America's problems with the United Nations will not be solved by reform measures. The threat posed by the UN to our nation's sovereignty is not because of the UN's bloated bureaucracy (US pays 22% of Budget; 27% of Peacekeeping; over $300 million/yr). Rather, the real threat arises from the United Nations Charter itself. This charter was never approved as a treaty under Article VI and therefore cannot stand as the supreme law of the land. Under our Constitution Congress has responsibility for dealing with trade, immigration, crime, borders, and national defense not international bodies such as NAFTA, WTO, ICC or NATO which, by the way, were all established under the UN Charter. As a sovereign independent nation we cannot allow this trend to continue. The UN is a threat to the basic structure and underpinnings of our Republic.

Noted constitutional scholar Herb Titus explains that "the UN Charter is not a Treaty at all, but rather a blueprint for supranational government that directly violates the Constitution. As such, the Charter is neither politically nor legally binding upon the American people or government. The UN has no authority to make "laws" that binds American citizens, because it does not derive its powers from the consent of the American people. We need to stop speaking of UN Resolutions and edicts as if they represented legitimate laws or treaties. They do not."

Proponents of the United Nations argue that the global organization can deliver world peace. However, over the past 60 years there have been instances of the UN siding with tyranny, including but are not limited to the following documented examples:

1) In 1961, when Moise Tshombe, the respected leader of the peaceful province of Katanga, tried to secede from the central government of the Congo controlled by the brutal thug, Patrice Lumumba, the United Nations sent troops not to quell Lumumba's brutality but to suppress Tshombe's secession.
2) In 1971, the UN General Assembly voted to oust Nationalist China (Taiwan) and welcome in its place the bloodiest regime the world has ever known, the dictatorship of Mao Zedong, who murdered in excess of 60 million of his own countrymen since gaining power in 1949.
3) In 1994 UN forces in Rwanda actually abetted the Rwandan genocide. Peter Hammond of Frontline Fellowship testified that Belgian UN troops stationed in the heavily fortified compound in Kigali "deceived the Tutsi refugees by assembling them for a meal in the dining hall and then they evacuated the base while the refugees were eating. Literally two minutes after the Belgians had driven off their base, the Presidential Guard poured into the buildings annihilating the defenseless Tutsi refugees."

Far from being mankind's "last best hope for peace," the UN has consistently provided a forum for tyrants, tin pot dictators and now Islamic jihadists to spew their vitriol; the UN has favored tyrannical regimes over free societies in many international conflicts. With regard to foreign affairs, the best advice for Americans comes from our Founders and the Constitution. Their guidance was to promote peace and commerce with all nations, and exclude ourselves from entangling, dangerous, complex, and unworkable alliances.

The late Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, who initially approved the establishment of the UN, later publically lamented his action, claiming, "The UN is a trap; let's go it alone."

UN proponents are not satisfied by meddling only in international disputes. Their domestic agenda seeks to entangle countries into joining numerous compacts and

conventions designed to influence those nation's environmental, trade, labor, tax and gun laws. No doubt you've heard of these UN organizations and programs:

1) Kyoto Protocol & Copenhagen Accords on Global Warming
2) UNESCO involvement with the New World Mine at Cooke City a few years ago. Their Biosphere Reserves Program, Population and School Curriculum Programs, and Rights of the Child Convention.
3) ICC (International Criminal Court, The Hague) indicted former Vice President Dick Cheney for War Crimes.
4) UN's Convention on Small Arms seeks to control small arms in all nations.
5) Agenda 21 seeks to limit private property rights by promoting local zoning regulations that are being carried out by the UN's ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) or simply known as ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.

Like cancer these UN programs continue to metastasize.

American independence will never survive if we allow our domestic laws and policies to be shaped or influenced by an international body and its swarms of socialist leaning NGO's. The United Nations website promotes an ever expanding organization the will eventually include taxing authority, international courts and a standing army. The time to withdraw our membership has come. I urge you to vote in favor of the Resolution (SJ 7). Thank you.

Respectfully,
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