

Congressmen Revolt vs. Lawless Obama Actions

Dec. 10—Several Members of Congress, from both Democratic and Republican parties, raised their voices last week to demand an end to the imperial actions of the Obama Administration on a number of fronts. The three Congressmen cited below addressed the issues of the targeted assassinations of American citizens; the lies and coverup of the terrorist attack in Benghazi which killed the U.S. Ambassador to Libya; and the endless war in Afghanistan. Here is a summary of these developments.

Kucinich Demands Probe on Drone Killings

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) called on the House of Representatives Dec. 4, to support H.R. 819, a Resolution of Inquiry that would compel the Obama Administration to release to Congress the documents that form the legal basis for the targeted assassination of American citizens abroad. Those documents would include memos from the White House's Office of Legal Counsel.

A Resolution of Inquiry must be considered within 14 legislative days. Unless Congress adjourns before the deadline, Kucinich will be able to call up the bill, which he introduced on Nov. 28, with privileged status.

In a speech on the House floor, Kucinich said the vote "will determine whether or not Congress has the power to require the Administration to release their still-secret legal justification to use drones."

"In matters of the Constitution, in matters of war, 'trust us' is neither sufficient legally, constitutionally, nor is it morally acceptable," Kucinich said. "I urge members of the House to reclaim Congress's constitutional imperative by supporting H. Res. 819, the Resolution of Inquiry demanding the White House produce its legal justification for drone strikes."

Wolf Calls for Select Committee on Benghazi

On Dec. 4, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) introduced a resolution to create a House Select Committee to investigate the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate

in Benghazi, and the Obama Administration's response to it. On Sept. 25, Wolf had signed a letter to President Obama requesting more information about the attack and the Administration's response; in November, Wolf sent a letter to House Speaker John Boehner urging establishment of the committee.

Wolf said the committee would combine all existing investigations into a single and exhaustive review of the event and the revelations that followed, much like the select committees that were established during Watergate and the Iran-Contra scandals of the 1970s.

Jones on LPAC-TV: Get Troops Out of Afghanistan Now!

Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) gave an interview to LaRouchePAC editor Alicia Cerretani in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 4, on his latest initiative to get the U.S. out of Afghanistan. Jones is a co-sponsor of H.R. 5015, introduced by Rep. James McGovern (D-Mass.), which calls for a safe, orderly exit of U.S. troops from the Afghanistan War. The bill, introduced in April 2010, has 104 co-sponsors.

In the interview, Jones noted that there have been six members of the military from his District killed in Afghanistan. He shared the views of an advisor, a former Commandant of the Marine Corps, who responded to a question about the U.S. deployment, by referring to the pattern of insider killings, in which Afghan soldiers turn on the Americans: "...I'm more convinced than ever that we need to get out of Afghanistan. When our friends turn out to be our enemies, it's time to pull the plug."

Jones added: "I just hope that people watching this show will join me by going on this website (www.bringthemhome2013.com), because we need to have a debate in the very beginning of 2013, to get the Congress to say that we need to bring the troops home now, not to wait to 2014. . . . How many more young men and women of our country have to die, for a corrupt leader like Karzai?"

Jones also observed: "We're never going to change Afghanistan. It's a 7th-Century country, and there is no interest in that country changing and becoming America. And we need to understand, with our foreign policy, we cannot police the world.

The interview is posted at: <http://larouchepac.com/node/24703>.