

Legislative Update, Sept. 2011

Rantings of a Reformed Hippie – Tricia Elwyn, Legislative Committee Chair

Experience hath shown that, even under the best forms of government, those entrusted with power have, in time and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny. ~ Thomas Jefferson

We have certainly seen this happening in the 3 years that Obama and his gang have been weaving their spider webs throughout our country. You will not hear about any of their treachery on the main street news but if you look closely on conservative internet sites and on Fox news, you will see what is going on. Again, there is much to report; but I will give a brief summary of topics and include web sites for you to visit to get the whole story:

- **Fast & Furious** was really about taking away our Second Amendment freedoms. Please, Please read every word of the “trail of deceit,” of the “Fast and Furious (F&F)” scandal as presented by NRA in the January 2012 *America’s 1st Freedom*. It is a play-by-play timeline of “Operation Fast & Furious” from the very beginning until the present. In this operation the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives knowingly allowed thousands of guns to be sold to suspected drug cartel suppliers on the Mexican border and then DID NOT keep track of them. You will not find this information on any main stream media coverage. On line go to **NRAPublications.org, choose America’s 1st Freedom** at the top, and then read the cover story, “Why You Should be Furious about Fast and Furious.” You will see the devious intentions behind F&F; you will see quotes from the whistleblowers, and read about Attorney General Holder’s attempts to cover up his involvement. He is scheduled to go before Congress again on February 2 to address “management deficiencies” within the department. If you have not already done so, please also go on *You Tube* and search for Sandy Adam’s grills Holder, Dec. 8, 2011. You won’t believe that Holder has the top legal position in our country. But, then again, Obama holds the very top position in our country; and he has no respect for our laws or our constitution.
- **Internet Censorship, HR 3261**, “Stopping Online Piracy Act (SOPA), and its counterpart in the Senate, “Protect IP”: As with any liberal agenda, the name sounds positive; however, the spider behind the smokescreen is really intending to LIMIT Internet freedom and commerce. If you are posting on a site the government considers “offensive” or “pirated,” they don’t have to wait to prove their case in a court of law, they can simply order them to go dark, ***immediately***. SOPA will create a police-state in which the government has total control over the Internet like China, Iran and Syria. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) have released a draft proposal of an alternative to SOPA, called the “Online Protection and Enforcement of Digital Trade Act” (OPEN). Send postcards to congress today to support OPEN and OPPOSE SOPA (go to Congress.org to get info. to call and write to congress).
- **Agenda 21: President Obama’s E.O. 13575** is designed to begin taking control over almost all aspects of the lives of 16% of the American people. Why didn’t we notice it? Main stream media makes sure we focus on unimportant news. The spiders are weaving their webs under cover, in the dark. The United Nations has pushed their sustainable development program for almost twenty years. The UN’s “social justice” blueprint called Agenda 21 requires governments to control almost all aspects of an individual’s life, but has recently met with substantial resistance in America. Agenda 21 is being presented as “sustainable development” or environmental improvements and is going through local governments to gain control of Americans. Go on line and search for Agenda 21 or go to local meetings on Agenda 21 to find out what they are doing in your local communities. Some of the local officials pushing for these changes are not even aware of the real agenda!
- **EPA is at it Again! EPA tells oil-fired plants to clean up air or shut down.** “Power plant operators will have to choose between installing pollution control equipment, switching to cleaner-burning natural gas, or shutting down the plant. None of these choices come cheap.” The Edison Electric Institute believes “the administration is underestimating the complexity of implementing this rule in such a short period of time.” NOOO, not possible that our administration is not considering all the ramifications! Can’t get Cap & Trade passed—just order it done through EPA! Another EPA grab: EPA requiring new, expensive equipment for trucks. California truckers are taking EPA to court over their mandate. Small owner-operator Robert McClernon claimed: “With the cost of the new equipment that they’re requiring, and the oversight of the government in every part of my business, I can’t afford to be in business.” McClernon also added: “This is using the government as a bully pulpit to put me out of business so they can take over and get more market share.” Maybe I’m misinformed but I think our country is going through some really tough economic times and high unemployment. Why do you think Obama and his gang are trying to put small business out of business and increase the cost of energy in our country?? I think this is all part of the spider’s web!
- **Obama Shreds Checks & Balances with ‘Recess’ Appointments** *Newsmax*, Jan. 5, 2012. Michelle Malkin says it best: “Here is the operating motto of the Obama White House: ‘So let it be written, so let it be done!’ Like Yul Brynner’s Pharaoh Ramses character, the demander in chief . . . issues daily edicts to his constitution-subverting minions.” The new head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was sworn in behind closed doors on Wed. night (the reforms of this Dodd-Frank law were supposed to help consumers but have done just the opposite). Another great Malkin quote: “It won’t benefit middle-class Americans. It’ll line lobbyist pockets, soak taxpayer dollars . . . It’s not about reining in Wall Street abuses. It’s about consolidating bureaucratic authority and granting unprecedented immunity to a single super-cop from congressional and public oversight.” More of the spider’s web in the dark corners. Obama also appointed 3 more of his minions to the National Labor Relations Board (you know, the board that tried to shut down the new Boeing plant in South Carolina and stop 1,000 jobs!). We must be more and more involved to protect the freedoms that so many died to provide for us.

