



Senate Votes to Keep US Out of UN Arms Trade Treaty



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In the pre-dawn hours Saturday, the Senate approved a measure "to uphold Second Amendment rights and prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty."

By a vote of 53-46, the Senate passed the amendment to the budget bill sponsored by Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.).

This reporter is in New York covering the negotiations at the UN aimed at drafting a treaty calling for the eradication of small arms trade, sale, and transfer by anyone other than UN-approved governments.

"We're negotiating a treaty that cedes our authority to have trade agreements with our allies in terms of trading arms," Inhofe, before the vote on his amendment. "This is probably the last time this year that you'll be able to vote for your Second Amendment rights."

According to a story in The Hill, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) proposed his own amendment "that clarified that under current U.S. law, treaties don't trump the Constitution and that the United States should not agree to any arms treaty that violates the Second Amendment rights." Leahy's amendment also passed.

A similar resolution sponsored by Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) is currently pending before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Moran's measure declares that it is the sense of Congress that: the President should not sign the Arms Trade Treaty, and that, if he transmits the treaty with his signature to the Senate, the Senate should not ratify the Arms Trade Treaty; and until the Arms Trade Treaty has been signed by the President, received the advice and consent of the Senate, and has been the subject of implementing legislation by Congress, no Federal funds should be appropriated or authorized to implement the Arms Trade Treaty, or any similar agreement, or to conduct activities relevant to the Arms Trade Treaty, or any similar agreement.

Representative Mike Kelly (R-Penn.) has offered a companion measure in the House.

Both the Moran and Kelly resolutions declare that the Arms Trade Treaty "poses significant risks to the national security, foreign policy, and economic interests of the United States as well as to the constitutional rights of United States citizens and United States sovereignty."

The measure also points out that UN gun grab "fails to expressly recognize the fundamental, right to keep and to bear arms and the individual right of personal self-defense, as well as the legitimacy of hunting, sports shooting, and other lawful activities pertaining to the private ownership of firearms and related materials, and thus risks infringing on freedoms protected by the Second Amendment."

As The New American has reported from the United Nations last week, negotiators at the Arms Trade Treaty conference are planning to effectively repeal the Second Amendment by replacing the Constitution with the UN Charter and by replacing God with government as the source of all rights, including the right to keep and bear arms.

Principally, this treaty would eradicate the Second Amendment in two ways: First, by mandating that state signatories create a registry of gun owners, manufacturers, sellers, and traders; second, by making it nearly impossible for civilians to purchase ammunition.

The most egregious affront to the sovereignty of the United States is that there is not a single word in the Arms Trade Treaty protecting the unalienable right to keep and bear arms. In fact, the latest draft of the proposed agreement only recognizes private ownership of firearms

for "recreational, cultural, historical, and sporting activities." This is a significant and unacceptable infringement on the rights protected by the Second Amendment.

In truth, however, Americans need not look to an unaccountable, unelected body of globalist bureaucrats for reaffirmation of the rights already guaranteed by our Constitution.

While it is unlikely that the Senate would ratify the treaty in its present form (67 senators would have to vote to approve it), when it comes to disarming citizens of this country, President Obama has shown that he will not be deterred by congressional inaction or by constitutional limits on his authority.

Although in reality, treaties that violate the Constitution are prima facie null, void, of no legal effect, the Supreme Court has come down on both sides of the supremacy issue.

In a pair of contradictory decisions, the Supreme Court has held that "No doubt the great body of private relations usually fall within the control of the State, but a treaty may override its power" (Missouri v. Holland) and "constitutional rights cannot be eliminated by a treaty" (Reid v. Covert).

This conflict of cases creates a situation where, as Alan Korwin wrote in 2012 at the time of the previous round of negotiations on the Arms Trade Treaty, "While some of us would surely and boldly draw the lines where they are 'supposed' to be, i.e., in line with our natural and historic rights, the forces aligned against the Second Amendment have no problem arguing vigorously for its destruction, regardless of any of these details, and therein lies the greatest threat we face."

It would appear that regarding the preservation of the right to keep and bear arms, the states will be required to uphold the liberties protected by our Constitution in the face of federal collusion with the international forces of civilian disarmament.

The latest round of Arms Trade Treaty negotiations are scheduled to wrap up on March 28. Should the U.S. delegation agree to participate in the agreement (and President Obama has instructed them to do so), the treaty will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Americans who refuse to allow the UN to seize their guns and ammo still have time to contact their senators and remind them of the oath they took to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States," including the right to keep and bear arms.

Female Signal officer speaks to the future roles of women in combat



Maj. Nicole Vinson, executive officer, 51st Signal Battalion is a former certified jumpmaster previously with 82nd Airborne Division. She and all other female Soldiers are now able to serve in direct combat roles and military occupational specialties after a Jan. 23 decision that overturned restrictions that were in place since 1994.

By Staff Sgt. Mark Miranda, March 19, 2013

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. (March 19, 2013) -- In January, outgoing Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta announced the Pentagon's lifting of the ban on female service members in combat roles.

"It was a decision made upon the recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," Panetta said in a press release, Jan. 23.

The policy change was influenced by women's duties in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Army and Marine Corps will begin to present plans to open combat jobs to female service members by May 15. The memo signed by Panetta

and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey states the implementation will be complete by Jan. 1, 2016.

Maj. Nicole Vinson, the 51st Signal Battalion executive officer, has served almost 15 years in the Army, has seen the practical reasons behind the changes.

"I think what really brought (the decision) to the forefront is the way we fight now. We don't fight on linear battlefields anymore, and female Soldiers are actually there on the same forward operating bases," Vinson said.

Vinson, a mother of one and a Weldon, Ill., native, is optimistic about what this will mean for younger women in the Army.

"I think females will see opportunities open up where there weren't certain options before," Vinson said.

"I'm signal branch; as females we could go to (combat arms) brigades as an S6/signal officer, but before the change, that's where we were limited - we couldn't serve down at the battalions."

Early in her career, Vinson took an assignment with 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., following a stint with 35th Signal Brigade.

"When I was with 35th Signal Brigade, in the 327th Signal Battalion, it was on airborne status so there was always a big push to be a jump master. When I stepped in day one as a brand new second lieutenant, the question was 'hey, when are you going to jump master school?'"

Vinson decided she would take up that challenge.

"After you just get into that community and they mentor you and they train you to do what it takes to become a jumpmaster," Vinson said.

This far into her career, Vinson said she wouldn't move into combat arms, "But if I had it to do all over again I would say yes. The part that I see for me at this level is being able to take positions that I couldn't take before. I volunteered to go down to 3rd Bde. 82nd, and I loved that job because I learned so much."

In recent years, Vinson has seen the changing roles of female Soldiers in combat arms units.

"The forward support companies that belong to the brigade support battalions had females who were attached to the infantry battalions. So the females were down there anyway. But we couldn't send a female signal officer because that specific position was coded 'female restricted.'"

Vinson cites the female engagement teams, or FET, as another example.

"With FETs, female military police are out there constantly. A lot of units had to develop internal FET teams that would go out and work with all the male Soldiers out on missions. The Army is standardizing training for female Soldiers assigned to a FET team. A lot of women are migrating towards that, to the tryouts to be on FET teams.

Even with the expanded roles opened to females, Vinson mentions that there are still obstacles to overcome.

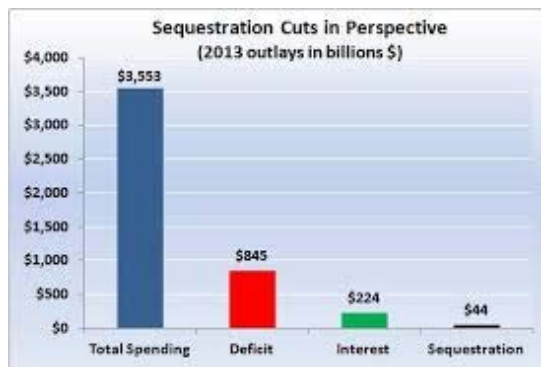
"For me, when I went into 3rd Brigade, the biggest concern was physical (capability). I knew off the get-go that I'm not that big a person, but I'd have to work that much harder to be able to keep up, doing everything that you need to stay in the runs. You have to carry your own load marching from point A to B so that you don't become a burden."

Another difficulty, in her opinion, is the chivalrous mentality.

"I've talked to my guys; and some of them will say they would feel obligated, would have to protect (females) - but it's no different than you would protect any other battle buddy," Vinson said.

"My other concern is there are so many different types of women in the military, just as there are so many different types of men. But what we see happening is one speaks for all. I don't think I can speak for all women in the military because I would love to be in a combat arms unit. I absolutely loved it. But that doesn't mean that somebody else would want to be that way. I don't think we can look at it as all in or out."

“Obama’s Temper Tantrum Putting American Lives at Risk



by Donna Garner, March 23, 2013

Obama’s temper tantrum is putting Americans’ lives at risk. Because he is furious that the Republicans did not back down when he tried to bully them into caving on sequestration, he is determined to make sure the federal agency cuts are in the places that will be most noticeable and hurtful to the public. This way he thinks he can turn the public’s wrath toward the Republicans.

With Obama, everything is always about politics!

Ironically, it was Obama who came up with sequestration in the first place back in the summer of 2011. He thought by threatening deep cuts in defense spending that the Republicans would eventually feel pressured enough to agree to higher taxes. Obama’s plan didn’t work. The Republicans stood by their pledge not to raise taxes, and sequestration went into effect on March 1, 2013.

RAGE #1 – ILLEGALS RELEASED FROM JAIL

Obama decided to have ICE (U. S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement) free 2,228 illegal immigrants from local jails throughout the country between Feb. 9 and March 1 – before sequestration was even to go into effect. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano originally said it was “several hundred”; but when the House Judiciary Committee released an internal document from ICE, the number turned out to be thousands. More illegals were released in Texas than in any other state, putting citizens and law enforcement at great risk.

These 2,228 illegals were not innocent, “nice guys,” including those who had been arrested multiple times for drunken driving, theft, child abuse, and assault charges. Ten of them were labeled as Level 1 offenders which is the most serious classification given.

As stated by Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, “The American people were initially told there were hundreds, not thousands, of individuals released. We were assured they were low-level detainees of little public risk. As we now know, neither of these claims was accurate.”

Congressmen have suggested that rather than let dangerous, illegal criminals out on the streets that ICE could have made other cuts in such things as travel, conventions, conferences, publicity, and/or government vehicles.

RAGE #2 – AIRPLANE SAFETY

In an attempt on Obama’s part to cause flight delays that would produce a public backlash against the Republicans, the FAA announced closures of 149 air traffic control towers (with cuts to take place on April 7) even though there are \$50 million in unobligated FAA research and capital funds that could be used to save the air traffic control towers. Cuts also could have been made in the FAA budget (and in all government agencies) by cancelling the many diversity/sensitivity/LGBT conferences that take place on a regular basis, many of which are held in expensive resorts.

As a person with the National Air Traffic Controllers’ Association stated, “Closing control towers is equivalent to removing stop lights and stop signs from our roads. It is clear that this administration is putting its top-line message, that spending cannot be cut without severe consequences, before the safety and well-being of Americans.”

People who work in the airline industry (e.g., airport directors, pilots, and workers in the airline sector) have vehemently stated that pilots flying into these 149 airports (who should be focusing on vital landing and takeoff procedures) will be left to try to coordinate their takeoffs and landings among themselves over a crowded, shared radio frequency because there will be no ground controllers to help them.

Many of these 149 airports (13 in Texas alone) help their communities economically because they attract

businesses and tourists. Without them, more unemployment and increasing local debt will occur.

RAGE #3 – WHITE HOUSE TOURS

Obama decided to cancel the White House tours during spring break, thinking this would elicit fury directed toward the Republicans. However, the public put the blame on him instead of on the Republicans, particularly when it became known widely that the TSA had recently signed a \$50 million contract with VF Imagewear for new uniforms, mostly made in Mexico at a cost of \$1,000 per uniform!

The Government is a Corporation



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Individuals have rights granted to them by their Creator. Governments, on the other hand are the artificial entities created by the people. Governments are like corporations, and derive their power and authority from their creators. Our government is an agent of the people and was created by the people their God given rights. The government was created by the consent of the governed and the people have a right to withdraw their consent when the government assumes powers that were not delegated to them in the Constitution. A government that is unrestrained will inevitably abuse its power and become tyrannical. Only by strict adherence to the Constitution can this outcome be prevented.

Corporations are governed by a charter known as the Articles of Incorporation and governments receive their delegated powers from the people in a document known as the Constitution. The authority of a corporation or a government is limited to powers delegated to them by the people. All powers not delegated to the United States government are reserved to the states and to the people.

When a government created to secure the life, liberty and property of the people exceeds its lawful authority and becomes tyrannical it is the right and the duty of the people to alter or abolish that government.

FAA Predicts 10,000 Drones Could Be In the Skies By 2020



By Joe Schoffstall, March 25, 2013, cnsnews.com

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) predicts 10,000 commercial drones could be in the skies by 2020 after guidelines are approved. For now, Congress has asked the FAA to write regulations on civil operation of small unmanned aircraft systems in the national airspace and submit them by 2015.

“Once enabled, commercial UAS markets will develop. There are many potential ways for a company to generate revenue from UAS applications, whether from new markets or more efficient applications in established markets. Based upon the expected regulatory environment, FAA predicts roughly 10,000 active commercial UASs in five years,” states the FAA Aerospace Forecast for Fiscal Years 2012-2032.

Phil Finnegan, director of corporate analysis at the Teal Group, which monitors the aerospace industry, says when rules are written, law enforcement will be first in line, followed by civilian applications. According to an FAA document, which references the Teal Group, it is estimated \$94 billion will be spent over the course of 10 years for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

As of now, the FAA has issued 1,428 licenses to police, universities, and federal agencies since 2007- a number far higher than previously known. Of these, 327 are still listed as active.

Cyprus bank insolvency crisis quickly escalating; may set off EU bankageddon



By Mike Adams, March 22, 2013, naturalnews.com

As you may have suspected, there's far more to the Cyprus bank crisis story than meets the eye. It turns out the shutdown of Cypriot banks has caused a large-scale financial shutdown of the Russian government which uses Cyprus banks for most transactions.

On top of that, the EU central bank (ECB) has now issued an ultimatum that threatens to revoke all financial support and **crash the Cypriot banks** if they can't come up with 5.8 billion Euros by Monday. Reuters reports:

The European Central Bank, which has kept Cyprus's banks operating with a liquidity lifeline, said the government had until Monday to get a deal in place, or funds would be cut off - putting not just the Cypriot economy in jeopardy but billions of euros held on the island by foreigners, notably from Russia.

USA Today reports, "If it does not find a way by Monday, the European Central Bank said it will cut off emergency support to the banks, letting them collapse. That would throw the country into financial chaos and, ultimately, cause it to leave the eurozone, with unpredictable consequences for the region."

Until then, the banks remain closed, and everybody knows the minute they open, **every account holder will immediately transfer their money out of the banks**, causing a near-instant bank run and a collapse.

The worry across the eurozone now is that this imminent bank collapse will trigger account holders in Greece to start taking their money out of the bank, too. The Greek banking system is already in such sad shape that it only takes a very small percentage of account holders withdrawing their funds -- perhaps 5% or so -- to topple Greek banks. That's because the banks are roughly **95% leveraged** with fractional reserve accounts and complex debt instruments.

Once bank runs begin in Greece, they will spread across the EU. Fear will kick in everywhere and depositors will run on the banks in Spain, Italy and even the UK. Germany is arguably in the safest position to defend against bank runs, but even its banks are unwisely leveraged beyond reasonable ratios.

We are about to witness massive wealth destruction

It's important to understand that fractional reserve banking wealth is a **fictional construct** that does not exist in reality. Thus, the wealth created by fractional reserve banking is nothing more than a mirage that can be destroyed literally overnight.

Importantly -- and here's the real point nobody is talking about -- **Russia may be willing to let Cypriot banks collapse** and lose a lot of money itself, knowing that the aftermath of a collapse may set off a chain reaction of bank collapses across the EU.

EU authorities seem to anticipate this possibility and they are already talking about dropping Cyprus from the EU as quickly as possible. As Yahoo News reports:

The official also referred to the need to resolve the issue of Cyprus's two biggest banks, both of which are close to collapse, and mentioned the possibility of Cyprus leaving the euro zone. In the event of an exit, the official said steps needed to be taken to "ring-fence" the rest of the euro zone from the impact and to ensure there was no contagion to Greece.

"Contagion" is the right word, because if this situation doesn't get resolved very, very quickly, we may be witnessing the start of **the collapse of the EU** -- an outcome that would very well serve the political interests of Russia. So don't expect Russia to try to resolve any of this. It may be waiting in the wings and actually hoping to help set off a kind of "bankageddon" that, once begun, will be impossible to stop.



A State Funeral Should Be Planned for Homeowners –



Sylvia Landis, March 27, 2013, mortgagejustice.org

Yesterday should have been a state funeral for all Florida homeowners, but instead it was just business as usual for the Florida Legislature. You see it's a day worthy of a funeral when you see the Florida legislators vote against historic rights that you as a homeowner are guaranteed in the constitution and in centuries of property law. Before the Legislature are two versions of bills, HB 87 and SB 1666, collectively known to consumers as the "UnFair" Foreclosure Act. As though enough homeowners haven't already been thrown in the street, the measure aims to "speed up" foreclosures.

These bills have now hurtled through three committees despite howls of protest from informed consumers like the Mortgage Justice Group, FCAN, PICO NETWORK, AgEnders and the Tea Party. Under Florida law, if you lose your house to fraud and discover it later, called "fraud upon the court", you have the right to get your house back. This legislation favors the new owner. Going against existing Florida and constitutional law, it puts the burden of proof on the defendant instead of the plaintiff and speeds up the process so that discovery, say of those pesky forged documents routinely used by banks, is no longer possible under the new timeframes. Think the banks have stopped their illegal acts? Not according to Reuters who reports "robo-signing" continues after the settlements. If this passes and becomes law, expect to lose not only the rights you have had as a homeowner but expect the burden of proof to shift in other consumer areas. Robo-signing, as an example, has already been found in credit card cases as well as mortgages. Those crafty crooks!

Make no mistake about who this is really benefiting. Thanks to bulk buying programs implemented by Fannie, Freddie and FHA, bankers and hedge funds are picking off the best assets in major urban areas in bulk purchases at 65% price reduction. You know the house you lost because the bank wouldn't negotiate? Banks and hedge funds are ramping up another round of securitization now using distressed homes bought in bulk as rentals. Pity the poor local realtor who shows home after home because the local market is competing with billionaires picking off the best properties with cash. Get informed. Call and write legislators from your district and on key committees and tell them VOTE NO on HB 87 and SB 1666. For more information, search at the Florida legislature site for the bill numbers and let committee members know where you stand: myfloridahouse.gov and fsenate.gov.

State Ban on UN Agenda 21 Clears Arizona Senate



Alex Newman, March 27, 2013, thenewamerican.com

Under immense pressure from grassroots activists across the political spectrum, lawmakers in the Arizona Senate approved legislation last week that would ban the controversial United Nations "sustainable development" scheme known as UN Agenda 21 within the state. The measure in Arizona follows similar efforts in other states and comes amid increasing nationwide outrage about the international so-called "sustainability" plot, which according to UN documents aims to radically restructure

human civilization under the guise of environmentalism and fighting poverty.

The legislation, S.B. 1403, is summarized in the bill as "an act prohibiting the state and its political subdivisions from recognizing the United Nations or any of its declarations as legal authority in this state." Specifically targeted are the UN "Rio Declaration on Environment and Development" and the "Statement of Principles for Sustainable Development" adopted by dictators and national governments at the 1992 international "sustainability" summit held in Rio de Janeiro.

"Notwithstanding any other law, the state of Arizona and all political subdivisions of this state ... shall not recognize the United Nations or any of its declarations as legal authority in this state," the legislation reads, pointing out that officials are bound by their oaths to the Constitution. Political subdivisions are defined in the bill as the state, county, city, or town governments, as well as any "special districts" authorized by local officials.

The bill also addresses the fact that the UN has enlisted numerous so-called "non-governmental organizations" (NGOs) to implement its agenda around the world — especially noteworthy is a Germany-based group known as ICLEI, formerly the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives. Recognizing that, under the legislation, the state of Arizona and all its political subdivisions would be prohibited from financing or collaborating with such groups.

"We are very excited about the bill moving forward," popular Republican state Sen. Judy Burges, who sponsored the legislation and a similar bill last year, told *The New American*. "Here in Arizona, Agenda 21 is slowly creeping into the state. It has its tentacles in everything from the schools to local government all the way up to the state."

If approved by the GOP-controlled state House of Representatives and signed into law by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, the measure would essentially aim to stop state and local government efforts to foist the controversial UN agenda on the people of Arizona — a process that has been quietly underway for two decades. The bill would also ensure that public officials, all of whom must swear an oath to the U.S. and state constitutions, understand that UN declarations have no legal authority.

Supporters of the legislation said it was important to recognize that the UN — critics regularly slam and ridicule the organization as a "dictators club" due to its mostly autocratic member regimes — should not be involved in setting policy for Americans. "I don't think that we here in the states, under the Constitution of the United States, need other nations telling us what we need to do in our country that our people have fought for the freedoms that we have," explained Republican state Sen. Chester Crandell.

However, speaking to the radical Huffington Post, which has long been waging a deceptive but largely unsuccessful campaign to drum up opposition to popular statewide bans on Agenda 21, a Democrat politician opposed to the measure resorted to lies, name calling, and fear mongering. State House Minority Leader Chad Campbell, a Democrat representing Phoenix, actually made among the most absurd claims to date about bi-partisan efforts to stop the UN scheme.

"You could shut down every government service in the state," Rep. Campbell alleged falsely, apparently either deliberately lying or completely clueless — for perspective, Alabama banned Agenda 21 last year with an even more comprehensive law, yet all government "services" continue uninterrupted. Campbell also claimed it would be "helpful" if Gov. Brewer were to veto the legislation. It was not immediately clear what would be helped by a veto.

Finally, the Democrat leader resorted to childish name-calling — a typical tactic employed by people who have no facts or logic to stand on. Noting that Agenda 21 is being cited in Arizona by opponents of Obama's lawless effort to impose a nationwide "Common Core" school curriculum, Campbell told the Huffington Post "reporter" that "it has gotten crazier."

Despite generally staying on top of major Agenda 21-related developments, the far-left internet "news" site still refuses to inform its readers about the growing bi-partisan

opposition to Agenda 21 or the fact that the regularly demonized "Big Business" community is fully behind the UN scheme. Genetically modified organism (GMO) powerhouse Monsanto just joined the pro-Agenda 21 club earlier this year. Comments attempting to point out those facts under the articles, however, are apparently regularly censored by "moderators."

While UN proponents have tried to downplay the seriousness of the international scheme, the global body offers a concise summary on its website. "Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organizations of the United Nations System, Governments, and Major Groups in every area in which human impacts (sic) on the environment," the UN admits on its website, sparking suspicions from analysts who point out that virtually every aspect of human existence has some "impact" on the "environment." The UN even claims carbon dioxide — a gas exhaled by everyone on earth — is a "pollutant" in need of a global CO2 regulation regime.

Of course, despite state Rep. Campbell's hysterical antics, Arizona would not be alone in taking on the radical UN "sustainability" scheme. Last year, again under tremendous pressure from constituents across the political spectrum, Alabama lawmakers voted unanimously to completely ban UN Agenda 21 within the state. The bold, bi-partisan effort to protect private property and due process rights was celebrated worldwide as a major victory for individual liberty, national sovereignty, free markets, and more.

"The State of Alabama and all political subdivisions may not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable to 'Agenda 21,'" the wildly popular law states, adding a brief background on the UN plot. The people of Alabama acting through their elected representatives — not UN bureaucrats — must have the authority to develop the state's environmental and development policies, the official synopsis of the law explains.

More recently, following states like Tennessee and Kansas, lawmakers in South Dakota adopted a resolution blasting the controversial UN scheme late last month as well. "The United Nations Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of extreme environmentalism, social engineering, and global political control," the measure explains, adding that the controversial plan is being covertly foisted on America through various deceptive means.

"This United Nations Agenda 21 plan of radical so-called 'sustainable development' views the American way of life of private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership and individual travel choices, and privately owned farms all as destructive to the environment," the South Dakota resolution continues, citing UN documents. "According to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources afforded them by society and the environment which would be accomplished by socialistic redistribution of wealth."

The measure concludes by noting that the South Dakota legislature "recognizes the destructive and insidious nature of United Nations Agenda 21 and hereby exposes to the public and public policy makers the dangerous intent of the plan." It also urges all levels of government — federal, state, and local — to reject the UN scheme, explaining that it has never been ratified by the U.S. Senate as required by the Constitution.

While lawmakers in Arizona were working to ban the UN plot, the Oklahoma House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to approve an even stronger bi-partisan prohibition earlier this month. The Oklahoma bill, H.B. 1412, is also aimed at protecting state citizens from UN- or Agenda 21-linked government overreach — and even the erosion of unalienable rights such as ownership of private property and due process of law.

"The state or any political subdivision of the state shall not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe upon or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable to United Nations Agenda 21/Sustainable Development," the legislation states. It also prohibits

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FLORIDA JUSTICE



By Julian Heicklen
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Several Orlando Tyranny Fighters were distributing Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) pamphlets on the sidewalk connecting the parking lot to the

Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, FL, on various occasions. Chief Judge Belvin Perry, Jr. objected to this display of free speech, so he issued two court orders forbidding the distributions.

The first of these orders (**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2011-03: GOVERNING EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT TOWARD SUMMONED JURORS, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES**), issued on January, 31, 2011, forbids the distribution of any literature on the courthouse grounds which might influence jurors or prospective jurors. Among other things, the **ORDER** states:

“Anyone who is observed continuing to engage in such conduct as contemplated by this Order, after receiving a copy of this Order and being instructed to cease and desist by law enforcement, may face indirect civil contempt of court proceedings. If found to be in contempt of court, penalties include confinement, fine or both.”

The second order was first issued on May 4, 2011, but was corrected on July 14, 2011. The **AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2011-07-01**

GOVERNING DESIGNATED PUBLIC SPEECH AREAS ON THE MAIN ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX GROUNDS states:

“It is prohibited for any person or group to engage in any type of First Amendment activities within the main Orange County courthouse complex grounds, unless the First Amendment activities occur within a designated Exempt Zone, as defined herein.”

It then established two free speech zones where literature could be distributed. These two zones were located where there was no pedestrian traffic. Also there was no enforcement for distributing literature elsewhere on the courthouse grounds unless it was the FIJA pamphlets.

The two orders could have been combined into one. However the violation of one order outside of the courthouse could only be a civil offense, which carries no sentence if violation ceases. However disobeying two court orders becomes a criminal offense, which can result in imprisonment.

Mark Schmidter and myself distributed these pamphlets on separate occasions in defiance of the orders. Both of us were arrested at our distributions. We were denied jury trials in violation of Amendment 6 of the U. S. Constitution. The judge at the trials was Judge Perry, who issued the orders, and also acted as the prosecuting attorney. Needless to say we were both found guilty and sentenced to jail sentences exceeding 140 days.

On appeal, the Florida appeals court found Administrative Order **NO. 2011-07-01** unconstitutional, but that Administrative Order **NO. 2011-03**, which relied on U. S. Statute 40 U. S. C. § 13k to justify its decision, was valid. However U. S. Statute 40 U. S. C. § 13k, which permits banning pamphleteering on court plazas, was found to be unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Grace*, 461 US 171 (1983)

In my case the appeals court ruled my conviction to be invalid, because of procedural error by the court. However it said that I could be retried. That decision also violates Amendment 5 of the U. S. Constitution against double jeopardy.

Both of us appealed our cases. Schmidter currently has two appeals in progress, one on the Florida Supreme Court, and one in the U. S. District Court in Orlando. I have an appeal only in the U. S. District Court. However Judge Perry does not feel constrained to hear what the appeals courts will say.

On February 21, 2013, he had Mark imprisoned to serve his full sentence, even though he no longer is guilty of criminal contempt, and should not have to serve any prison time at all. Actually he is not guilty of any crime,

because the appeals court should have found both orders unconstitutional.

In my case, I was ordered by Judge Perry to appear on February 21, 2013, for arraignment for for my retrial. Now I live in Israel and did not appear. I filed a motion for a temporary restraining order with the U. S. District Court, and sent a copy to Judge Perry. As of this writing (February 24, 2013), I have not had a response from either court.

This is U. S. justice in action. Unfortunately our court cases are not unusual. This is more or less standard operating procedure in the U. S. justice system. It is the reason that the U. S. has become the number 1 prison state in the world. The high incarceration rate is not caused by the so-called criminals; it is caused by the judges, the real criminals in the United States.

U.N.'s Agenda 21 is in your community

Henry Lamb, April 23, 2011



Anyone who reads Chapter 7 of Agenda 21 and then reads his local comprehensive land-use plan will immediately recognize that most of the provisions of the local land-use plan come directly from Agenda 21. More often than not, the elected officials who adopt these plans have never read Agenda 21, and many have never even heard of the U.N. document, signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992.

The facilitators and professional planners have heard about Agenda 21, but frequently claim that the plan they are working on has nothing to do with the U.N. or Agenda 21. Don't believe it for one minute.

Gary Lawrence, former director of the Center for Sustainable Communities at the University of Washington, and chief planner for the city of Seattle, told an audience in London:

In the case of the U.S., our local authorities are engaged in planning processes consistent with LA21 [Local Agenda 21], but there is little interest in using the LA21 brand. ... So, we call our processes something else, such as comprehensive planning, growth management or smart growth.

In community after community, the same scenario is repeated. The federal government, through the EPA or the Department of Commerce or the Department of Interior, special grants to communities for the purpose of developing a vision for a greener future and a plan to convert the vision into reality.

Typically, the local government will find a private consultant to “facilitate” the process. The facilitator will identify a local “steering committee,” carefully chosen from people who represent various segments of the community, all of whom are known in advance to be sympathetic to the goals of Agenda 21.

Typically, the advisory group will meet in private to lay out the framework for the process and the goals for the finished product. When this is achieved, public meetings are scheduled to give the appearance of public input and ownership. Rarely are these meetings ever publicized adequately to attract the private-property owners who are most directly affected. Care is taken to see that members of local environmental organizations and social-justice organizations constitute the majority of attendees.

These public meetings are said to be “the visioning process.” The procedures vary slightly from community to community, depending upon the facilitator.

Remarkably, however, the “vision” in every community contains essentially the same elements: restricted auto traffic; bike trails; walkable neighborhoods; integrated housing; high-density urban boundary zones; conservation areas; green belts; and much more—directly from Agenda 21.

Once the vision document is complete, the next step is to convert it into a comprehensive land-use plan, adopted by local elected officials in the form of an ordinance that is enforceable with fines and other penalties. The plans are necessarily so long and complex that few people ever read them, other than the professional planners and enforcement officials. Many, if not most, of these comprehensive plans

incorporate many, if not most, of the codes developed by the International Codes Council. Here are some of the codes: International Building Code
International Residential Code
International Fire Code
International Energy Conservation Code
International Private Sewage Disposal Code
International Mechanical Code
International Fuel Gas Code
International Wildland-Urban Interface Code
ICC Performance Code
International Existing Building Code
International Property Maintenance Code
International Zoning Code
International Green Construction Code

Here's a sample of what to expect. From Chapter 2 of the International Green Construction Code:

CONSERVATION AREA. Land designated by the jurisdiction or by state or federal government, as a result of a community planning process, as appropriate for conservation from development because of the land possessing natural values important to the community including, but not limited to wildlife habitat, forest or other significant vegetation, steep slopes, ground water recharge area, riparian corridor or wetland.

DAYLIGHT SATURATION. The percentage of daytime hours throughout the year when not less than 28 foot-candles (300 lux) of natural light is provided at a height of 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor.

DEMAND RESPONSE, AUTOMATED (AUTO-DR). Fully Automated Demand Response initiated by a signal from a utility or other appropriate entity, providing fully-automated connectivity to customer energy end-use control strategies.

This is a tiny sample of the rules and regulations buried deep within the innocent-sounding comprehensive land-use plans adopted by unaware local officials to achieve the politically correct label of “sustainable community.”

These plans should be rejected, not simply because they arise from the United Nations, but because they infringe personal freedom and private property rights. The implementation of these comprehensive land-use plans effectively transfers to government the right to dictate to individuals what kind of materials must be used in constructing their privately owned homes. The Auto-DR provision defined above actually gives government the right to dictate the temperature in your home, and the ability to enforce it.

This is madness! This is sustainable development! This is Agenda 21!

Local tea parties, 9/12 groups and property-rights organizations must learn about Agenda21 and exactly what their local visioning statements and local comprehensive land-use plans contain. Many groups are forming study committees to analyze their local plans by section and then report back to the entire group. This way, not every individual has to read the entire plan.

If this rush to oblivion is going to be stopped, it is up to private citizens to get informed, get involved and help get into office only those people who truly respect the Constitution and the individual freedom it is supposed to guarantee.

Cheese and Jalapeno Squares

courtesy of Florida's Finest Serves 8-12

1 pound sharp cheddar cheese (grated)
1 pound Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers (grated)
6 eggs
1 (13-ounce) can evaporated milk

Preheat oven to 350°.
Butter well a 13 ½ x 8 ¾ inch baking dish
Place layer of cheddar on bottom of baking dish.

Add layer of Monterey Jack cheese.
Top layer with remaining cheddar cheese.
Beat eggs well. Add milk, blend well, pour over cheeses.
Bake 40-45 minutes in 350° oven.
Cool. Cut into bite-sized pieces.



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