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### On Watch in Washington

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#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE HOMELAND AUTHORIZATION ACT S.1867**

There has been a flurry and outcry about the National Defense Authorization Bill that has passed the Senate. Next it goes to the house, and, if passed, will ultimately reach Obama's desk for signature approval.

What is all the controversy about with this bill?

First, it declares that the homeland is now considered a battlefield. In essence, the bill extends the terror battlefield to the entirety of the United States. It brings the "war on terror" home to within our own borders.

Next, it gives authority to the U.S. military to detain "covered persons" to hold them in military custody or to go forward with a military trial, suspending due process, and holding a detainee without a speedy trial, thus suspending the 4th and 6th amendments of the U.S. Constitution. If you are dealing with an al-Qaeda terrorist who is here illegally that is one thing. But, could this provision in the bill also apply to a US citizen who is perceived as a "terrorist?"

Seems that the bill is focusing on those who are a "threat to the U.S.", who are considered "terrorists". Now that the Obama administration has sanitized and wiped clean in the FBI, Homeland Security, and the State Department all its training materials and communications that would associate "radical Islam" to "terrorist", how does this administration define or view "terrorist" in its own homeland?

According to the New York Times, several top security officials have come out in opposition to this bill- including the Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, the Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, and the Director of the FBI, Robert Mueller III, as well as several former counterterrorism officials from the Bush administration. The fact that even our own security leaders who are tasked with protecting the homeland are against this bill should raise loud alarm bells in our national psyche.

Writer and attorney, Bonnie Harvey, takes a close look at the actual language of the bill and gives her analysis with comments. Will this bill, if passed into law, give an open door to the government to round up US citizens, detain them unlawfully, without due process?

To read "Declaring the Homeland a 'Battlefield' and Possible Detention of U.S. Citizens?" go [here](#).

To read the bill's key section, "Subtitle D-Detainee Matters" go [here](#).

To read the analysis by Laurie Roth, titled "Obama's Dictatorship is Almost Complete" go [here](#).

**Sen. Rand Paul, joined by only one Republican, loses battle against martial law legislation** - Rand Paul, Kentucky's Republican Junior Senator, found himself teamed up yesterday with Senate left-wing Democrats and the ACLU, in a failed attempt to insert an amendment into the massive National Defense Authorization Act, which would have limited the federal government's power to enforce martial law against American civilians.

Senator Rand Paul observed that the un-amended law would mean that any American citizen suspected of aiding terrorism would get just one hearing, where the military could assert that the person is a suspected terrorist, and then he could be locked up for life, without ever being formally charged. "I'm very, very, concerned about having U.S. citizens sent to Guantanamo Bay for indefinite detention," said Sen. Paul. Illinois Senator Mark Kirk was the only other Republican joining Sen. Paul in his support for the Udall amendment.

**Former Virginia Governor James Gilmore Voices Opposition to the National Defense Authorization Act** - Here's what Jim Gilmore reportedly said about Section 1031: "The provisions of this bill undermine the basic safeguards that we enjoy as Americans. It is dangerous, and should not be supported by anyone: Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, citizen or non-citizen. Any member of Congress voting for this bill should be defeated at the next election," Gilmore said. He added: "This ill-considered bill is one of those dangers to our liberties by an unwise extension of military power in the homeland contrary to all law, precedent and history."

Read [the analysis](#) from *The Business Insider*.

**Capitol Hill Prayer Partners offers this summary of the unfolding events at the U.S. Capitol this week.** - S.1867, The National Defense Authorization Act - a massive bill - went sailing through the Senate on an almost - unanimous vote of 93-7, shortly after Senator Carl Levin brought it to the floor, with no cosponsors. This fact, in itself, is very strange. We feel that S. 1867 bears watching in the weeks to come. We encourage all to "pray without ceasing." Pray that the dangerous elements in this bill, which includes American civilians as potential detainees in military prisons and tribunals, be removed or come into agreement with our established laws.

S.1867 will now move to a conference committee where members of both parties, from both sides of the Hill, will merge both versions of this bill (House and Senate) into one; then it will be voted upon once again in both chambers; and finally move to the White House for signing into law.

The Carl Levin/John McCain martial law provision must be stopped in the Senate and House conference!

(Contributors: [The Wellborn Freedom Watch](#), [Louisville.com](#), [Hebrew National Radio](#), [Business Insider](#), Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)

**Pray that the Lord who is our deliverer and our shield will protect the sovereign rights of this nation and its citizens that are guaranteed in our Bill of Rights, The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Pray for God's mercy and righteous judgment. Pray that we will be under the protective hand of our Creator and that righteous leaders will prevail in the administration of these ongoing deliberations regarding the S.1867.**

*"You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me." (Psalm 119:98)*

## **CONGRESSMAN CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF CELLPHONE TRACKING SOFTWARE**

Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) urged the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on Friday to investigate reports that Carrier IQ software tracks nearly everything that consumers do on their smart phones. The lawmaker said the FTC has the authority to investigate whether the software amounts to an "unfair or deceptive" trade practice.

Could U.S. Government Start Reading Your Emails? . . . a newly revealed security research project called *Prodigal* -- the Proactive Discovery of Insider Threats Using Graph Analysis and Learning -- which has been built to scan IMs, texts and emails . . . and can read approximately a quarter billion of them a day.

"Every time someone logs on or off, sends an email or text, touches a file or plugs in a USB key, these records are collected within the organization," stated David Bader, a professor at the Georgia Tech School of Computational Science and Engineering and a principal investigator on the project. "Some people say it's one step further toward a police state," said Anthony Howard, a book author and security expert who has consulted for the Department of Homeland Security. *Prodigal's* ability to scan reams of data is clearly the next step in tracking unusual activity, and it's guaranteed to raise a red flag for many. "Since people tend to be imperfect, the data captured can easily be mishandled. Where does it end?" Howard said.

In a 17-minute video posted Monday on YouTube, Trevor Eckhart shows how the software -- known as Carrier IQ -- logs every text message, Google search and phone number typed on a wide variety of smart phones - including HTC, Blackberry, Nokia and others - and reports them to the mobile phone carrier.

[The Electronic Frontier Foundation](#) said the software that Eckhart has publicized "raises substantial privacy concerns" about software that "many consumers don't know about." (Contributor: [The Hill](#), [Discovery News](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Electronic Frontier Foundation](#))

**Pray that our governmental agencies honor the heart of our founding fathers in protecting our citizens against real threats to our nation and people while preserving the rights and dignity of faithful and true law abiding citizens. Pray that our legislators in Congress grasp the weight of their decisions and the legislation they pass. It is the responsibility of our legislators to protect its citizens while at the same time protecting and guarding our freedoms.**

*". . .no weapon forged against you will prosper . . ." (Isaiah 54:17)*

## **SENATOR SESSIONS: JUSTICE KAGAN SHOULD ACT WITH "HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS"**

Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) said Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan did nothing wrong by potentially preparing a defense for Obamacare when she was the solicitor general, but stressed that a Supreme Court justice must act "in a way that's consistent with the highest ethical standards of recusal" now that litigation over Obamacare is going before the high court next spring. My experience back in Alabama says lawyers on the state benches, federal benches, leave their practices and go to the court," Sessions told CNSNews.com on Wednesday at a briefing in Washington, D.C. "If that lawyer was in a law firm and one of his subordinates was handling a case, and now he's sitting on the bench, he can't sit on that case." "He would recuses himself even if he had little substantive involvement with it," said the senator. "That's my understanding of the law. So that's what I'm looking at right now."

During Kagan's 2010 confirmation process, Sen. Sessions and other Judiciary Committee Republicans asked her two questions in writing about whether she had ever been asked or had ever offered her views

"regarding the underlying legal or constitutional issues related to any proposed health care legislation" or "potential litigation resulting from such legislation?" Kagan's response to both questions was: "No." However, e-mails that surfaced as a result of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from CNSNews.com and Judicial Watch, showed that there had been some communication between Solicitor General Kagan and other Justice Department officials.

Barely two weeks ago, Judicial Action Group delivered a letter to Chairman Lamar Smith of the House Judiciary Committee asking him to immediately hold hearings investigating Supreme Court Justice Kagan's past work for the Obama Administration in defending ObamaCare. In response to that request, Chairman Smith has delivered a third letter to the Department of Justice asking them to reveal the full extent of Kagan's involvement in preparing legal defenses for Obamacare. Attorney General Eric Holder has repeatedly ignored, then rudely denied, the Judiciary Committee's past requests - but they aren't taking "No" for an answer, and neither will we!

On Thursday, December 8, Attorney General Holder will appear before the Judiciary Committee for a routine oversight hearing to answer questions posed by Congress on a range of issues. This is an excellent opportunity for the Judiciary Committee of Congress to ask Holder about Kagan's work in defending ObamaCare. Also, the Committee must demand that Holder produce the requested documents and make the witnesses available to either prove or disprove that Kagan was involved in the defense of ObamaCare . . . and therefore, must recuse herself from judging the same case that she lawyered! (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, [CNSNews.com](http://CNSNews.com), Judicial Action Group)

**Pray for Justice Kagan. Pray that she will do the honorable thing and recues herself because of her bias in open support of Obamacare legislation. Pray for God's delivering hand of mercy and grace. Pray for the defeat of this Marxist inspired law of bondage. To preserve the openness of our government, Eric Holder must respond to the Judiciary Committee's request for documents and interviews related to Justice Kagan's time as Solicitor General. Pray that this will happen at the hearing on Thursday in the House Judiciary Committee.**

*"Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate." (Amos 5:15)*

*"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." (Matthew 21:22)*

### **US SENATE OK's SANCTIONS ON IRAN CENTRAL BANK**

The US Senate unanimously approved tougher sanctions against Iran on Thursday, voting to penalize foreign financial institutions that do business with Iran's central bank, the main conduit for its oil revenues. The Senate acted despite warnings from Obama administration officials who said threatening US allies might not be the best way to get their cooperation in action against Iran. Administration officials said they were indeed looking to sanction Iran's central bank, but in a calibrated manner, to avoid roiling oil markets or antagonizing allies.

The United States already bars its own banks from dealing with the Iranian central bank, so US sanctions would operate by dissuading other foreign banks from doing so by threatening to cut them off from the US financial system.

The Senate voted 100-0 for an amendment sponsored by Senator Robert Menendez, a Democrat, and Senator Mark Kirk, a Republican, that would allow the US president to sanction foreign banks found to have carried out a "significant financial transaction with the Central Bank of Iran." The sanctions were approved as an amendment to a huge defense bill that passed later on Thursday in the Senate. Similar  
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provisions have passed a House of Representatives committee, increasing the likelihood that some version will be sent to Obama for his signature into law -- or possible veto.

While the Obama administration steps carefully, some countries in Europe are seeking to push forward a Europe-wide boycott of Iranian crude imports. EU foreign ministers in Brussels failed on Thursday to move forward with a plan backed by France and Britain to ban shipments, but agreed to examine expanding sanctions. Tightening financial sanctions have already complicated Iran's oil trade. Last December, India's central bank scrapped a clearing house system with Iran, forcing refiners to scramble to arrange other means of payment in order to keep shipments flowing. It is unclear whether further sanctions on financial dealings would affect shipments to countries like China, Iran's biggest buyer. (Contributor: [Jerusalem Post](#))

**Pray that the voice of reason from Senator Menendez will be supported by the White House so that the matter of Iran can be contained. Pray that the regime in Iran will be replaced by responsible and wise leaders who will govern their populace in peace.**

*"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him." (Nahum 1: 7)*

### **RUSSIA DELIVERS MISSILES TO SYRIA**

Russia has delivered supersonic cruise missiles to Syria despite the violence shaking the Arab country and Israel's furious condemnation of the deal, a news report said on Thursday. "The Yakhont supersonic anti-ship cruise missiles have been delivered to Syria," a military source told the Interfax news agency without disclosing when the shipment was made. Russia signed a contract reportedly worth at least \$300 million (222 million euros) in 2007 to supply its traditional Arab world ally with a large shipment of the cruise missiles.

The United Nations has called on the international community to take action to protect the civilian population in Syria from "ruthless repression" as the country slides into civil war. More than 4,000 people have been killed, including 307 children, in the military crackdown since March. Some 14,000 people are believed to be held in detention, an emergency session of the UN Human Rights Council has been told.

"In light of the manifest failure of the Syrian authorities to protect their citizens, the international community needs to take urgent and effective measures to protect the Syrian people," said United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay. "All acts of murder, torture and other forms of violence must be immediately stopped," Ms. Pillay added. Also, she voiced concern at reports of increased armed attacks by the opposition forces, including the so-called Free Syrian Army, against the Syrian military and security apparatus. Syrian army deserters killed eight people in an attack on an intelligence building in the north of the country, an opposition group said today.

"The extreme suffering of the population inside and outside Syria must be addressed as a matter of urgency. Victims expect nothing less from the United Nations and its member states," said Mr. Pinheiro, a Brazilian expert who headed the three-member panel. A revised EU draft resolution - which emerged after intense negotiations with China, Cuba and Russia - condemns "continued, widespread, systematic and gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms". But it stopped short of calling for action by the UN Security Council, which has the powers to refer a country to the ICC. (Contributor: [Ynet News](#), [World Watch Daily - Watch.org](#), [RTE](#), Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)

**Russia has been a stern ally of Syria for 40 years or more. Probably oil and other goods of the Middle East are the purposes behind such coziness between Russia and Syria. Ask the Lord to INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA | Post Office Box 915, Purcellville, VA 20134 | [GetAmericaPraying.com](#) Tel 800-USA-PRAY | email [IFA@IFApray.org](mailto:IFA@IFApray.org) | Find us on our [Facebook page!](#)**

give us prophetic insight into this partnership. The USA also has strategically located warships near Syria. Pray that no conflict is instigated between the warships and Russian weaponry. Ask the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to dissipate the flashing anger that has arisen from this situation and to calm the fears of Israel. Pray that the work of the Lord will set free the Syrian Christians, the Moslems, the Kurds, and many other groups from the oppression of satanic forces working in Syria.

*"You shall seek them [enemies] and not find them - those who contend with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a non-existent thing." (Isaiah 41:12)*

*"Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth; You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, and make the hills like chaff." (Isaiah 41:15)*

### **PRAYER FOCUS ON CONGRESSIONAL ISSUES**

**GOP WILL PASS BILL REINING IN ROGUE FEDERAL AGENCIES** - Costing the American people hundreds of billions of dollars over the years by their massive regulations and rule-making, the federal agencies and their bureaucrats will finally be reined in after Congress passes the law -- up for a vote next week in the United States House of Representatives -- called the "Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011", H.R. 10. The bill number shows you how important the House Republican leadership believes this bill truly is.

Unfortunately, the most socialist president in American history will undoubtedly veto this commonsense legislation, if somehow the Democrats in the Senate force their leadership to allow a vote on H.R.10. However, the president replacing him on January 20, 2013 will sign this bill -- forcing the countless number of rogue agencies to be more responsible -- as one of his/her first acts as president. (Contributor: [Christian Coalition of America](#))

**Ask the Lord to move upon the hearts of these legislators to pass this bill.**

*". . . He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ . . ." (Phil. 1:6)*

**SENATE PASSES BILL ALLOWING SODOMY, BESTIALITY IN THE U.S. MILITARY** - This past week the Senate voted 93-7 to approve a defense authorization bill that includes a provision which not only repeals the military law on sodomy, it also repeals the military ban on sex with animals---also called bestiality. On Nov. 15, the Senate Armed Services Committee had unanimously approved S. 1867, the National Defense Authorization Act, which includes a provision to repeal Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Article 125 of the UCMJ makes it illegal to engage in both sodomy with humans and sex with animals. (Contributor: Family Research Council)

**Pray that this wicked legislation will be passed to our U.S. Supreme Court, where it can be overruled. Pray!**

*"I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." (Ezekiel 21:27)*

**GOP SPLIT ON PAYROLL TAX CUT** - Republican leaders in Congress are facing a pushback from their rank and file as they try to sell another year of a payroll tax cut championed by Obama. The skepticism comes at an intensely difficult time for GOP leaders, who have implored their caucuses to fall into line

even as Obama and Democrats have moved to steal their tax-cutting credentials. Rival bills proposed by Senate Democrats and Republicans both failed in floor votes Thursday night as the two parties battled over how to pay for the extended break. The Senate Republican bill won only 20 votes, less than half the GOP conference. (Contributor: [The Hill](#))

**Pray that all issues related to our budget, our tax structure, and our national economy would be led by the Spirit of the Most High God, rather than by man's "wisdom."**

*"But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." (John 4:32)*

**LAWMAKERS PROPOSE END TO CONGRESSIONAL PENSIONS** - In an effort both to identify cost savings amid the nation's growing debt crisis and to give federal lawmakers more credibility in addressing related financial issues, Rep. Tim Griffin (R-Ark.) and Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo.) have recently introduced separate proposals for the elimination of pension benefits for members of Congress. In mid-November, Griffin put forward legislation terminating congressional pensions for future elected officials. Two months earlier, Coffman introduced stricter legislation to eliminate lawmakers' pensions.

Congressional feedback has been "probably more negative than positive, but I'm hoping that the negative people, under pressure from the American people, will come on board," he said. (Contributor: [The Hill](#))

**Pray that wisdom is granted to our legislators to rightly address the issue of pensions. "A laborer is worthy of his hire," but within reason of those who are being used to serve the financial structure to compensate said laborer. Reason must prevail in order to maintain our integrity as a nation.**

*'To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (Acts 26:18)*

**SENATE BACKS PROPOSAL TO LET MILITARY CHAPLAINS DECLINE PERFORMING SAME-SEX "MARRIAGES"** - Military chaplains could decline to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies under a measure approved this week by the Senate. The amendment, proposed by Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., was added Wednesday to the massive, must-pass defense spending bill. The Senate approved the spending bill Thursday night by a vote of 93-7.

The chaplain proposal comes after the Pentagon in September authorized chaplains to perform the ceremonies -- as long as it's allowed by state law -- as the repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy banning gays from serving openly in the military took effect. Wicker said the proposal would allow chaplains to "maintain the freedom of conscience necessary to serve both their nation and their religion without conflict." "Protections for military chaplains should be guaranteed in any policy changes being implemented," Wicker said in a statement.

But Wicker's proposal still has to be reconciled with a competing proposal on military chaplains in the House-passed bill. That proposal, sponsored by Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., was aimed at prohibiting chaplains from performing the ceremonies on bases no matter what the state laws say. Huelskamp's amendment presumably would achieve that by blocking funding for chaplain training. While Wicker's proposal comes in the context of the "don't ask, don't tell" repeal, the amendment itself would allow military chaplains to decline to perform any marriage "as a matter of conscience or moral principle."

**Pray for God's mercy. Confess to Him that we as a nation have allowed ourselves to be in this position. Ask that this amendment be agreed upon and allowed to remain in the defense spending bill, voted on by both sides of Congress and that these chaplains will be able to live by God's Word and instruction. Homosexuality is a sin and His word is clear on this matter.**

*"Praise ye the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints." (Psalm 149:1)*

**SPECTRUM LEGISLATION: Imminent Vote Threatens to Silence Gospel TV Stations** - The Chairman of the NRB TV Committee and as a founding member of the Coalition for Free TV and Broadband writes... "I want to alert you to the strong probability that the future of the Low Power Television industry in America may be decided in a matter of days. As it now appears, there is not much of a future for the free expression of the Gospel of Christ to our nation on hundreds of low-power religious stations.

"The House Communications Subcommittee passed the incentive-auction-containing JOBS Act out of committee last week and there's strong indication it might not even be marked up in the full committee but be attached to a popular spending bill next week to insure its passage.

"As it now stands, there is NO protection for Low-Power Television Stations or Translators, just full-power and Class "A" stations. LPTV owners, many of them NRB members, will have no voice, no seat at the table. They will not be included in any auction. They will not be reimbursed for any relocation of frequencies and if they are in a market along the country's borders with Mexico or Canada or in major metropolitan areas, there won't be room for them on the dial. They will have to turn off their transmitters, lose their life's investment and silence their message of hope and salvation. By some estimates, 4-thousand stations are now in jeopardy."

**Pray that Congress will change the language of the JOBS bill so that these thousands of "small stations" will not be forced to go off the air. The Gospel must be preached in our nation!**

*"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." (Jer. 32:17)*