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Intercessors for America's PRAYER ALERT

**CONGRESS TO HOLD FIRST-EVER HEARING ON CIVIL RIGHTS FOR FOLLOWERS OF ISLAM**

Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin (Ill.) announced Tuesday that he will hold Congress' first-ever hearing on the civil rights of American Muslims next week. The hearing comes a little more than two weeks after a Republican in Congress made headlines by holding a controversial hearing on the radicalization of Muslim Americans.

The release announcing the hearing said it is in response to the "spike in anti-Muslim bigotry in the last year including Quran burnings, restrictions on mosque construction, hate crimes, hate speech, and other forms of discrimination. Our Constitution protects the free exercise of religion for all Americans," Durbin said. "During the course of our history, many religions have faced intolerance. It is important for our generation to renew our founding charter's commitment to religious diversity and to protect the liberties guaranteed by our Bill of Rights." ([CBSNEWS](#))

**Pray that the truth will be heard on Tuesday, even in what many may consider to be unexpected circumstances. Thank God for a Constitution that does afford religious freedom to all, and ask that He would reveal true freedom in Jesus Christ to all Muslims in America.**

*"If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)*

**ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2011**

Speaker of the House John Boehner recently told reporters as he unveiled a campaign the Republicans are calling the "America Energy Initiative" to increase supplies and roll back regulations that: "As gas prices go up, so does the cost of everyday life. It costs more to drive to work, to buy groceries, or just to get the kids to school. And at a time when our economy already isn't creating enough jobs, rising gas prices hurt the very people we need to lead us out of our economic crisis: Small businesses."

Interestingly enough, gasoline prices have now doubled since January 20, 2009 at the beginning of a new administration when a gallon of gasoline stood at \$1.83 per gallon. Speaker Boehner said that Republicans would tackle the issue in "bite-sized chunks" rather than one gargantuan energy bill. ([Christian Coalition of America](#))

**Pray for new sources of energy. Thank God for this vote coming up in the House and pray that He would breathe life into our competitive energy markets.**

*"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**OBAMA ELIMINATES CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS ON ABORTION**

The more the bureaucracy moves to enact the Obama administration's notion of health care "reform," the worse it gets. In this case, it's their move to eliminate the conscience protection rights concerning abortion that were provided for by the Bush administration.

Those protections were put in place on behalf of those in the medical community who did not want to be forced to participate in performing abortions. The 2008 rule by the Bush administration was put in place to prohibit recipients of any federal funding from discriminating against those who had such moral objections. The Obama administration now wants to reverse that somewhat and force those medical personnel to distribute drugs which are intended to induce abortion. ([Christian Coalition of America](#))

**Thank God that although we live in a nation with a seared conscience, we still have people of conscience in our medical fields who are willing to stand up for the sacred life He has created. Give thanks that many are willing to give up their entire careers rather than sacrifice the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves. Intercede that this would not be necessary, but that God would reinstate the conscience regulations that protect our health care professionals from sacrificing their careers to obey Him.**

*"Let each be fully convinced in his own mind." (Romans 14:5)*

### International News

**HOUSE CONSIDERS BILL TO DEFUND HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL** – Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who is the chair of the U.S House Foreign Affairs Committee, called this week for the U.S. to withdraw from the U.N. Human Rights Council. Under President George W. Bush the U.S. did not participate, but President Obama joined the HRC which is for the most part made up of the worst human rights offenders in the world such as Cuba, China, Saudi Arabia and yes, even Libya. Ros-Lehtinen said the U.S. should quit the HRC and "explore credible, alternative forums to advance human rights." For the most part the HRC passes resolutions condemning Israel for defending itself against terror and criticizing the USA in one fashion or the other. ([Religious Freedom Coalition](#))

**LIBYA (Update)** – In the middle of the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia, President Barack Obama requested that the Congress double the military aid the United States provided Muammar Gaddafi. In February of this year Obama requested an additional \$1.7 million in funds for Gaddafi's military. Just a few weeks after he requested the funds to build up Libya's military, Obama is now spending hundreds of millions of dollars to destroy it. Meanwhile, President Obama can't figure out what the U.S. role in the war actually is. ([Religious Freedom Coalition](#))

**Pray much for the man in the Oval Office. Scripture declares that we are not to waiver between two opinions. Pray that Obama knows the best course of action for both Libya and America in this complex matter, and then sticks to it. (Matt 5:37) Regarding the U.N. Human Rights Council, intercede that God would expose this charade for what it is in our United States media. Pray that He would allow every American to reevaluate whether or not participating in the UN Human Rights Council is wise or necessary. Pray that the Lord would tear down strongholds at the United Nations.**

*"Differing weights and differing measures— the LORD detests them both. Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright? ... Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance." (Prov. 20:10-11, 18)*

### **BILLIONAIRE SEEKS GRAND BARGAIN TO REARRANGE WORLD FINANCIAL ORDER**

Left-wing billionaire's own experts dominate quiet push for 'a grand bargain that rearranges the entire financial order.' Two years ago, George Soros said he wanted to reorganize the entire global economic system. In two short weeks, he is going to start - and no one seems to have noticed. On April 8, a group he's funded with \$50 million is holding a major economic conference and Soros's goal for such an event is to "establish new international rules" and "reform the currency system." It's all according to a plan laid out in a Nov. 4, 2009, Soros op-ed calling for "a grand bargain that rearranges the entire financial order."

The event is bringing together "more than 200 academic, business and government policy thought leaders" to repeat the famed [1944 Bretton Woods gathering](#) that helped create the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Soros wants a new "multilateral system," or an economic system, where America isn't so dominant. ([Business and Media Institute](#))

**Intercede that God would cut off all plans of the socialist one-world agenda, and protect us against any actions that are not being attempted according to His timing of the end of days.**

*"...but it shall not succeed or be to his advantage." (Daniel 11:17c Amplified)*