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U.S. WILL VETO PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD BID AT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

After months of vague expressions of opposition, the United States officially confirmed [on Thursday that they will veto a Palestinian statehood bid at the United Nations Security Council should such a bid be made](#). Speaking with reporters, State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said that "if something comes to a vote in the UN Security Council, the US will veto." Nuland expressed surprise that Sherman's expression of the veto stance drew such a "press furor."

"It should not come as a shock to anyone in this room that the U.S. opposes a move in New York by the Palestinians to try to establish a state that can only be achieved through negotiations," said Nuland. U.S. officials had previously expressed opposition to the move in varied ways, but had yet to explicitly threaten the veto in public.

The U.S. view is that Palestinian statehood [should only come as a result of direct negotiations with Israel](#).

However, despite the commitment, the Palestinians could still force the Americans to use the veto, or avoid the Security Council altogether and seek a more symbolic and limited resolution from the U.N. General Assembly. While the Council is able to pass a legally-binding resolution that would enable full Palestinian statehood membership at the U.N., the General Assembly can only upgrade their status to a non-voting observer.

Despite the lack of legal power resulting from such a move, the upgraded status could help the Palestinians in a diplomatic and legal offensive against Israel. If the Palestinians go to the U.N. General Assembly, the U.S. would not be able to veto a resolution there and the Palestinians enjoy broad support from the many Arab states and nations outside the West. According to Sherman, the U.S. does not expect the Palestinians to go to the Security Council. However, they are still concerned about their turning to the General Assembly. (Contributors: [Reuters](#), Excerpts of an article by Joshua Spurlock, [www.themideastupdate.com](#), 9/9/11)

Let us thank God that the United States is remaining strong in this matter. Let us praise God that nothing the nations do can thwart God's will for Israel. (See points for prayer below.)

"The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, 'Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand. For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?'" (Isaiah 14:24, 27)

"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.' The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in His anger and terrifies them in His wrath, saying, 'I have installed my king on Zion, My holy mountain.' (Psalm 2:1-6)

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"no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from Me," declares the LORD. (Isaiah 54:17)

U.N. RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN STATE - Mahmoud Abbas recently sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting recognition of a State of Palestine. The U.N. is basically in favor while the USA is saying that it will veto the proposal in the Security Council. The Security Council of the U.N. is the body given the full authority to confer statehood. However, a vote in the U.N.'s General Assembly in favor of a Palestinian state, while not conferring statehood in a formal legal way, would be a huge symbolic statement of the will of the international community.

Points for Prayer:

- a) Thank you, Lord that You sit in the heavens and laugh.
- b) Lord, override any plan or vote or action of the nations so that it conforms to Your plans.
- c) Bring about a sorting of the nations so that it becomes clear who is for You and who is against You and Your plans. Let there be a clear division.
- d) Have mercy on America to come down on Your side.
- e) Cause confusion among those who are planning and plotting against Israel.
- f) We pray that You would indeed condemn the tongues that rise against You.
- g) Cause people to lobby in their nations in support of Israel.
- h) Thank you, God, that none of this takes You by surprise. You have a great plan. As the United Nations seems to have become a body whose purpose is to curse Israel, we ask You to give great wisdom to Israel's U.N. ambassador Ron Prozor and anoint his words. (Source: Intercessors for Israel)

CONGRESSMAN WALSH PREPARING RESOLUTION BACKING ISRAELI ANNEXATION

[Congressman Joe Walsh introduced a resolution supporting Israel's right to annex Judea and Samaria](#) in the event that the Palestinian Authority continues to press for unilateral U.N. recognition of Palestinian statehood. It anticipates the General Assembly vote on recognition of Palestinian statehood scheduled for September 20. The resolution coincides with a bill being introduced in the Israeli Knesset to terminate all obligations and agreements made between Israel and the Palestinian Authority and implement full Israeli sovereignty over the land in which Jewish communities of Judea and Samaria currently reside. Walsh's resolution, modeled closely on a bill introduced in the Israeli Knesset, is the latest effort by Congress ahead of the proposed U.N. vote, Tuesday, September 20th. Lawmakers from both parties returned from Israel last month warning that Congress could seek to cut aid to the PA if they actually go ahead with the vote.

"We've got what I consider to be a potential slap in the face coming up with the vote in the U.N., which is absolutely outrageous," Walsh told reporters.

"It's clear that the United States needs to make a very strong statement. I would argue that the president should make this statement, but he's not capable of making it. So, the House needs to make this statement, if the [Palestinian Authority] continues down this road of trying to get recognition of statehood, the U.S. will not stand for it. And we will respect Israel's right to annex Judea and Samaria."

Late last week, US officials said they would exercise their veto of any attempt to grant statehood to the PA at the U.N. Security Council. But that hasn't stopped lawmakers in both countries from threatening the consequences of a declaration.

Walsh is moving forward with his resolution after meeting last month in Israel with Danny Danon, a deputy speaker of the Knesset and Likud Party member known for criticizing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu from the right. Earlier this year, Danon introduced a bill that would annex all of "Area C," a large portion of the West Bank that includes Jewish settlements and rural lands, but would spare the largest Palestinian cities.

Danon is now leading a campaign to pressure Netanyahu to move forward with the unilateral annexation. Walsh, who said he'd been considering a similar measure before arriving in Israel in August, confirmed that he and Danon "bounced some ideas off each other" on the resolution.

Danon argued in a New York Times op-ed earlier this year that a request from Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas for a U.N. statehood declaration would amount to a nullification of the Oslo Accords, which dictate that "neither side shall initiate or take any step that will change the status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip pending the outcome of the permanent status negotiations." That means Israel would be free to unilaterally annex Judea and Samaria, he wrote. The op-ed downplayed the potential international consequences by pointing to past Israeli annexations as evidence the country could withstand international condemnation.

Walsh says he plans to gather more co-sponsors. (Contributors: [Arutz 7 News](#), [The Jerusalem Connection International](#), Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)

Today we are rejoicing at this news. Never before in the history of the United States Congress has a member been bold enough to offer a bill of this nature. Pray that this legislation will gain momentum quickly and will even pass both the House and the Senate before the vote takes place at the U.N. next week -- determining statehood for the Palestinians and hence, dividing the God-appointed boundaries of Israel.

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied." (Acts 9:31)

OBAMA, JOBS BILL AND TAX INCREASES

Republicans slammed the White House Monday after Obama's budget director proposed paying for a \$447 billion jobs bill **with a string of tax increases** that Republicans have long opposed.

White House Budget Director Jack Lew gave an overview Monday of how Obama plans to keep his jobs bill deficit-neutral, as the administration sent the bill over to Congress. The proposals range from a limit on itemized deductions for high-income earners to provisions that would **raise taxes on oil and gas companies as well as corporate jet owners.**

House Speaker John Boehner and spokesman Brendan Buck, noting Obama has pushed these proposals before, suggested Obama was getting off on the wrong foot. "It would be fair to say this tax

increase on job creators is the kind of proposal both parties have opposed in the past. We remain eager to work together on ways to support job growth, but this proposal doesn't appear to have been offered in that bipartisan spirit," he said in a statement.

The scenario, though, puts the committee in a tight spot -- should the bill have a chance at passing. The panel already is charged with finding about \$1.5 trillion in deficit savings by Thanksgiving. Should the committee members want to find different offsets for the Obama jobs bill, they'd have to find nearly \$2 trillion in savings. But if the committee members don't change the Obama bill, they still would be unable to use any of the offsets included in the Obama plan for their own deficit-reduction plan. (Contributors: [Fox News](#), Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)

GOD established this nation with a Kingdom destiny: to prosper us and to send the Gospel to the nations. Offer praise that the plans and purposes of Almighty God will rule and overrule the agendas of man that would attempt to cripple us. Pray for all involved in this process, that they would have the mind of Christ and would find the way for the nation to be employed again, within the confines of a reasonable budget.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer. 29:11)

SENATOR MCCONNELL ADDRESSES OBAMA'S "FAILED APPROACH TO JOB CREATION"

The leader of the Republicans in the United States Senate, Senator Mitch McConnell from Kentucky, took to the Senate floor the first day back from summer recess and [blasted the Obama administration's "failed approach to job creation."](#) Indeed, for the first time in decades, a president of the United States had zero job creation during the month of August.

During his almost embarrassing appearance before a joint session of Congress on Thursday -- a forum in the past used by Franklin D. Roosevelt to declare war on Japan and by former President George W. Bush to declare war on Islamic terrorism -- Obama tried to intimidate the Republicans into voting for gargantuan stimulus and tax increases if he can get away with it, even though his first trillion dollar stimulus was a complete and utter failure.

Senate Leader McConnell said during his speech on the Senate floor today: "We need the [Obama] to be as bold about liberating job creators as he's been about shackling them. I mean, you don't lift a single regulation and suddenly claim to be Margaret Thatcher." [Senator McConnell's speech here](#). (Contributors: [Christian Coalition of America](#), Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)

Father, we place our distress at your feet, confused by the conflict between what this man in the Oval Office says and what he does. We ask for leaders with integrity who will not misrepresent their intentions. We thank You for this wise and courageous man in the Senate who will call out the truth for all to see.

"The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail, our lips are our own: who is lord over us?" (Psalms 12:3,4)

PERSONHOOD AMMENDMENT TAKES CASE TO MS VOTERS

Shannon Bream from Associated Press reports, "Fresh off a win at the Mississippi Supreme Court, backers of a so-called ['Personhood Amendment' are looking forward to making their case to voters.](#)

On Nov. 8, voters across the state will decide whether or not to amend the Mississippi constitution so that in the words of the proposed amendment, "The term 'person' or 'persons' shall include every human being from the moment of fertilization."

A number of abortion promoter groups, including the ACLU and Planned Parenthood, sued to keep the initiative off the November ballot. In ruling to allow it, the Mississippi Supreme Court held, "Just as this Court cannot prohibit legislators from offering proposals in the House or Senate, this Court cannot impede voters from submitting proposals through the voter initiative process." The Court did not address the content of the ballot initiative.

Abortion promoters warn that the measure will radically interfere with women's most personal healthcare decisions and their right to participate with the abortionist doctors in the murder their unborn children.

Brian Atwood, legal director of the ACLU, characterized the proposed amendment as something that could "severely limit women's access to birth control, in vitro fertilization and life-saving medical procedures."

Keith Mason, president of Personhood USA, said those claims are simply false.

"We are planning to take these arguments head-on in Mississippi," Mason says. He also argues that many of the groups that oppose measures like the one in Mississippi stand "to profit" from abortion, and that accounts for at least part of their motivation.

Supporters plan to forge ahead. They hope to have Personhood Amendments on at least a dozen state ballots by Election Day 2012. (Sources: [Associated Press](#), [Fox News](#))

Pray that these 12 or more states will be granted the strategy to place a Personhood Amendment type of legislation on their ballot by November 2012. Ask the Creator of All to favor those who are leading this legislative challenge and to give them His wisdom to know exactly how to remove this murderous curse from our land.

"Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law; yes, I will observe it with my whole heart." (Psalm 119:34)

FOURTH CIRCUIT DOESN'T RULE ON OBAMACARE'S CONSTITUTIONALITY

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals said today that Virginia has no standing to challenge Obamacare's individual mandate. And in a second ruling issued at the same time, the Richmond, Virginia court also said that Liberty University can't challenge the law before the mandate goes into effect in 2014.

The decisions also set up a double conflict among courts that [only the U.S. Supreme Court can unravel](#): Whether the healthcare act is constitutional, and whether states have a right to sue over it in the first place.

The latest rulings focused only on judicial procedure and not on the merits of the law, leaving a split decision between the Sixth and Eleventh circuits on the actual constitutionality of the individual mandate.

The Sixth Circuit in Michigan said the individual mandate can stand because it is important to the overall working of the law. The Eleventh Circuit (in which 26 states are challenging the law) disagreed and said the individual mandate is not only **unconstitutional but "is breathtaking in its expansive scope."**

In this current ruling, the Fourth Circuit appeals court did not address the question of the constitutionality of the individual mandate: "Because we hold that Virginia lacks standing, we cannot reach the question of whether the Constitution authorizes Congress to enact the individual mandate," the judges wrote. There was no dissenting opinion. This is, therefore, not a victory for the administration. But neither does it help those opposed to the law. (Contributors: [Forbes.com](#), [National Review Online](#))

As the different appellate courts continue to rule on the constitutionality of various aspects of *Obamacare*, speak "order in the court" and order in the camp . . . of the righteous. The LORD has an alignment in the courts of heaven for the judiciary as it judges this law, and His will must be made known on earth, as it is in heaven. Ask the Lord to bind confusion and loose order. Continue to travail for the demise of every aspect of this wicked law.

"For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us. . ." (Isaiah 33:22)

REP. HUNTER'S PROPOSED BILL CONFRONTS "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" REPEAL

Just because Obama says homosexuals can openly serve doesn't mean others can't openly object--not if Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) can help it. Over the next two weeks, the fellow Marine veteran will be sprinting to beat the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal with a bill that would protect the troops' right to free speech which has already been granted by the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Unlike Rep. Hunter, who served three Marine tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, the trifecta of [Obama](#), [Secretary Robert Gates](#), and [Admiral Mike Mullen](#) have **almost zero combat experience**--yet they're the ones tinkering with military readiness.

As far as Hunter is concerned, if he can't protect national security by stopping the repeal from taking effect, he can at least protect the right of conscience of the servicemen and women who are afraid their opposition to homosexuality will be used against them. Although the new policy doesn't take effect until September 20, Hunter and other conservatives are already fielding complaints from the branches about the Pentagon's progressive training materials. The California Congressman says he's talked to dozens of active duty personnel, who say the Defense Department is "pushing the line" in its implementation of the new rules. "It is a legitimate concern," Hunter's office explained, especially as the Pentagon works on "disciplinary policies for people who don't agree with this decision."

Under Hunter's bill, the troops have to abide by the repeal--but they don't have to like it. "The military always falls in line," a spokesman for the Congressman's office said, "but that doesn't mean that the men and women who serve in its ranks should suddenly be forced to personally accept [homosexuality]."

Essentially, the legislation would ensure that "members of the Armed Forces are not pressured to approve of another person's sexual conduct if that sexual conduct is contrary to the personal principles of that member." These "conscience protections" would give our troops just as much right to voice their opinions as others have to flaunt their sexuality. With just 10 days to go before the military opens its arms to gays and lesbians, the time to push Hunter's bill is now. (Contributor: [Family Research Council](#))

As of this reporting, there is not yet a number assigned to this bill. Pray that things will come together quickly for Congressman Hunter's bill to take hold and to "take off" with many cosponsors signing on. Ask the Lord to give wisdom to those drafting this bill. Ask the Lord to draw all those who honor His Word to come forth and stand for righteous laws to govern this land in every aspect, which includes our military men and women who are serving this nation.

"Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power...." (Psalm 110:3 NAS)

CONGRESSMAN FINDS NEW 9-11 LINK

Congressman Peter King (R-NY), in a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, said investigators believe it is no coincidence that Anwar al-Awlaki had contact with three of the five hijackers who flew a plane into the Pentagon on September 11th, 2001. [The House Homeland Security Committee](#) is investigating to determine "to what extent Anwar al-Awlaki wittingly or unwittingly facilitated the plot of the 9/11 hijackers."

After the attacks, Al-Awlaki was invited to speak at a Pentagon lunch and was also invited by Moslem Congressman Keith Ellison to speak on Capitol Hill. Al-Awlaki also encouraged the attack by Nidal Hasan at Fort Hood.

Declassified documents, exclusive interviews and phone and banking records present an overwhelming case that the 9/11 hijackers relied heavily on a domestic support network to facilitate the plot. Former Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., who led the first congressional investigation into the 9/11 attacks in 2002, was asked by the Fox News Specials Unit if he believes the hijackers' support network remains in place today because it was never fully identified or disrupted after the attacks. "I have no reason to believe it's not," Graham told Fox News.

While many politicians will mark the 10-year commemoration with a statement, and surely invoke Sept. 11 whenever a question of American security arises, [these lawmakers have made clear that they will keep the country's worst terror attack at the center of countless debates.](#)

A spike in domestic terrorism and attacks by American citizens directed from overseas are top concerns for police departments across the country, according to a new survey by the Homeland Security Policy Institute at George Washington University.

"Homegrown and foreign-directed jihadi terrorism and radicalization are perceived as a real threat by local law enforcement in the United States," the report, "Counterterrorism Intelligence: Law Enforcement Perspectives," says. The survey covered the police intelligence chiefs for the 56 largest cities in the U.S. in advance of the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. (Contributors: [Homeland Security Newswire](#), [Fox News](#); [Religious Freedom Coalition](#))

Ask our Heavenly Father to shine His faithfulness upon His people today as we continue to pray for the truth to unfold and for our country to be safe from more terrorist invasions. Ask the Lord to reveal any and all perpetrators of terror from within and deliver us from evil.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER

Peter Marshall, U.S. Senate Chaplain - "Lord Jesus, as Thou dost move among people and see what men are doing today, how sore must be Thy heart. Thou whose head was cradled in straw must often reflect that straw was not as coarse as man's selfishness. Thou whose hands were spread upon a cross and fastened with nails must often reflect that nails were never so sharp as man's ingratitude.

"Hear us as we pray for this poor blundering world, in which the nations never seem to learn how to live as brothers. They resort again and again to methods that produce only more bitter tears, methods that only add to misery and subtract nothing from problems.

“Heal them that need healing, make strong the wavering, guide the perplexed, befriend the lonely, give faith and courage to those whose spirits are low. Lift up our heads, put a new light in our eyes and a new song in our hearts, and we will do better and be better for the sake of Thy love.

Amen.”

Rev. Peter Marshall, D.D.
Chaplain of the U.S. Senate
Opening daily session of Congress, May 27, 1948

United States Supreme Court - The opening of sessions of legislative and other deliberative public bodies with prayer is deeply embedded in the history and tradition of this country. From colonial times through the founding of the Republic and ever since, the practice of legislative prayer has coexisted with the principles of disestablishment and religious freedom... In light of the unambiguous and unbroken history of more than 200 years, there can be no doubt that the practice of opening legislative sessions with prayer has become part of the fabric of our society.

Marsh v. Chambers, 463 U.S. 783, 787, 792 (1983). (Source: [U.S. Congressional Prayer Caucus](#))