

# It's Not Budget Control, But Killing Sovereignty

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Feb. 1—The U.S. Senate on Jan. 26, by a shockingly narrow margin, voted down a bill explicitly modelled on the British-steered imperial dictatorship of the European Union, which would have created an appointed commission of 18 Congressmen and government officials to make decisions on taxation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, to be submitted to the Congress for an up-or-down vote, after only limited debate, and with no amendments allowed. But this treasonous scheme is not dead. President Obama endorsed it in his Saturday radio show Jan. 23, and included a version in his State of the Union message, to be implemented by Executive Order, rather than legislation.

More Senators voted for the measure than against it, but it failed because it fell short of a rule requiring 60 votes, as if to override a filibuster. Fifty-three Senators voted in favor of surrendering sovereignty, and only 46 voted against. The 53 in favor included 38 Democrats and 15 Republicans. The 46 opposed included 22 Democrats and 24 Republicans.

## Ripping Up the Constitution

The idea of a so-called Fiscal Commission, tasked with allegedly ensuring “fiscal stability and economic security,” is an unconstitutional fraud, which has been the subject of a campaign by financiers like Peter Peterson, and their associated deficit-hawks, for a number of years now. The most recent incarnation of the proposal, S. 2853, introduced into the U.S. Senate on Dec. 9, 2009, by Sens. Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) and Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), gained support from 35 Senators. It would have set up a “Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action,” which would carry out a de facto audit of the Federal government, its revenues and expenses, and make proposals to bring them “into balance.”

In fact, as revealed by the public statements from the sponsors and their close allies, like former U.S.

Comptroller of the Currency David Walker, the Commission is looking for a way to bypass popular (thus Congressional) resistance to carrying out Schachtian austerity measures, such as murderous cuts in Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid, and regressive tax schemes, such as a value-added tax.

During the Jan. 27 debate on the Conrad-Gregg amendment, both Gregg and his ally John Thune (R-S.D.) demonstrated their witting support for carrying out such cuts through de facto dictatorial powers. They praised the European Union’s (Maastricht) restrictions on the ratio of the deficit to GDP (3%) and debt to GDP (60%), and urged that the United States adhere to these limitations. Such arbitrary benchmarks, which the President’s staff effectively endorsed in their preview briefing on the State of the Union speech, would mean that the United States, like European nations, would give up its national sovereignty to the monetarist central-banking system in the process!

## Criminal Insanity

While such a Commission, as created by Executive Order, would have less power than the Conrad-Gregg amendment would have given it, the British-run Obama Administration has apparently signed on to its objectives. There is no doubt that the financial interests determined to destroy the United States, will be carrying out a propaganda campaign about debt and deficits, to try to ram it through.

Such thinking qualifies as both economically insane, and criminally in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

The massive budget cuts that the Conrad-Gregg crew envision would murder the poor, the sick, and the elderly, but do nothing to balance the budget. As even the Federal government’s own figures show, one of the major drivers of the deficit is the *collapse in revenue* caused by the collapse of the productive economy—not the growth of entitlements.

The Constitution calls for *Congress* to meet the objectives of the Preamble, by taking responsibility for financial and economic matters. To hand that power over to an “independent” body, to any degree, violates the Constitutional commitment to national sovereignty—as even conservatives like George Will have pointed out.

Will Americans defend their sovereignty from this latest British trick?