

Editorial

Glass-Steagall, or Else!

In the wake of the U.S. Senate's sellout to President Obama and Wall Street on the issue of Glass-Steagall and the banning of derivatives, the American people are in no mood to negotiate or compromise. They are out for blood, and their first target is the U.S. Congress—as a whole.

When legislators return home to their districts to celebrate Memorial Day and kick off their reelection campaigns, they are going to encounter a level of rage not seen in this country for more than 80 years. Last August's outpouring of citizens to town hall meetings, to express their hatred of the Obama Administration's Hitler-model health-care "reforms," will prove to have been tame by comparison.

The hatred will first be directed at their elected representatives, but the big hate is centered on President Obama. And rightly so. It was Obama, personally, who went wild at the prospect of inclusion in the Dodd bill, of the Cantwell-McCain amendment, reinstating the FDR-era Glass-Steagall breakup of the big banks into separate commercial and investment banks.

Fortunately, the American people have an opportunity to act, to assure that last week's sellout by the U.S. Senate majority, and by the President, is a Pyrrhic victory for Obama's British masters. Congress must be stampeded into acting in the vital interests of the United States and the world as a whole. You, the American people, must make your voices heard.

The LaRouche Political Action Committee has drafted a resolution, demanding the passage of Glass-Steagall and the derivatives ban. That resolution must be adopted by state legislatures, city councils, trade unions, influential community leaders. Make this the most memorable Memorial Day holiday ever. Confront your Senators and Congressmen, and demand that Glass Steagall and derivatives ban be passed now!

Resolution To Pass Glass-Steagall

WHEREAS, the leadership of the U.S. Senate has sabotaged the inclusion of the Cantwell-McCain Glass-Steagall amendment into the so-called financial reform bill, thus leaving our banking system vulnerable to the ongoing blowout of the world financial system, as such is anticipated by the current freeze-up of bank lending, and the 1,000 point "flash" drop in the U.S. stock market; and,

WHEREAS, that same leadership, under pressure from the Obama Administration and Wall Street, has similarly removed any significant enforcement mechanism from that "reform" bill in respect to the trading of derivatives, and has given every indication, as of May 24, that they intend to *remove* the Lincoln amendment, which imposes restrictions on banks' trading in derivatives, from the bill entirely, during Conference discussions with the House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the re-imposition of the Constitutional Glass-Steagall principle that separates commercial from speculative banking, and the shutdown of the hundreds of trillions dollar derivatives casino—both measures which have been strongly promoted and supported by leading economist Lyndon LaRouche—are the indispensable, and inseparable, first steps for saving the U.S. economy, and creating the basis for the launching of a real economic recovery program based on massive infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that

demands that Congress immediately act to pass the Cantwell-McCain Glass-Steagall amendment (or law), and to adopt measures which will lead to the shutdown of the derivatives market, starting with the Cantwell-Lincoln amendment to the Dodd bill.