

Editorial

Win McDade-Murtha in the Senate

The historic debate in the U.S. Congress on Aug. 5, which resulted in a landslide bipartisan vote for the principles contained in the Citizens Protection Act (McDade-Murtha bill), was a victory in the fight to curb the outrageous misconduct of the Justice Department's permanent bureaucracy. But it was not the end of that fight, which now enters a new phase.

As a result of a constituency mobilization led by the LaRouche movement, the 1999 Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations bill was amended to call for establishing ethical standards for Federal prosecutors, and for an independent review board to handle complaints about the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Now, it is time to put the Senate on the line. A House-Senate conference in September will determine whether the McDade-Murtha language will remain in the Appropriations bill that will be presented to both Houses for a vote by Oct. 1. Those close to Newt Gingrich and the DOJ bureaucracy are seeking to water down the McDade-Murtha provisions, or eliminate them altogether. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Judiciary Committee member Jefferson "Beauregard" Sessions (R-Ala.), for example, have sent a letter to the Senators on the Appropriations Committee, denouncing the McDade-Murtha amendment.

These Senators, members of the conference committee, should be targeted by constituents and told to support the bill: Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.), Pete Domenici (R-N.M.), Judd Gregg (R-N.H.), Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.), Daniel Inouye (D-Hi.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), and Ted Stevens (R-Ak.).

McDade-Murtha must be passed, and a full Congressional debate and public hearings on DOJ misconduct must occur—including the case of the railroad against Lyndon LaRouche. Such hearings must clear the way for LaRouche's full exoneration.

Since Aug. 5, when the House vote took place, the strategic importance of the McDade-Murtha initiative has become even more apparent. The world political and economic situation has taken a precipitous plunge

into the crisis that LaRouche and *EIR* forecast long ago. The financial meltdown in Russia and other world markets is—finally!—front-page news in every paper in the country. Yet, the President of the United States is under assault by a gang of British-backed Jacobins, threatening the nation with a constitutional crisis and a leadership vacuum, just as the need for leadership is the greatest. The DOJ's permanent bureaucracy is out of control, flaunting its power in the most flagrantly illegal manner, against the nation's Chief Executive.

Where will the leadership come from, to lead the nation and the world away from looming disaster?

Look at three initiatives launched by LaRouche when he was released from prison, on parole, in January 1994. He forecast the crisis we now confront, and showed what is necessary to solve it.

First, on March 10, 1994, he commissioned a pamphlet, "The Summary of Relevant Evidence on the Record Demonstrating the Innocence of Lyndon LaRouche and Co-Defendants." Calling for LaRouche's exoneration, the pamphlet has circulated in millions of copies.

Also in March 1994, LaRouche commissioned a pamphlet, "The Assault on the Presidency," which warned of the consequences to the nation, if the British-led attack on President Clinton were allowed to proceed. The President, he said, has the power to create a new U.S. financial and monetary system overnight, in a time of emergency. "For the sake of our nation, and for the welfare of all of our citizens and our posterity, we need to have a U.S. Presidency intact which is ready and able to do that; we need to have a President who is willing and able to do that when the crisis hits."

Then, in the June 24, 1994 issue of *EIR*, LaRouche published his Ninth Forecast, warning of an inevitable financial collapse, unless world leaders abandon the disastrous policies of the past 30 years.

Today, the crisis LaRouche warned of is upon us. As long as he is not exonerated and given his historically proper place, and as long as the Presidency is not defended, the leadership and the policies required by an increasingly desperate world will be lacking, with tragic consequences.