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We are a free people in a republic, under a constitution which limits the powers of government to those necessary to secure the unalienable rights of each person to their life, liberty and property. Yet, when a legislature is in session, no one's life, liberty or property is safe. It's the curse of a democracy. That's why we have a republic instead. *Freedom Matters* dedicates itself to the fight to restore our republic. Most of the press and courts fail to do so. They've forgotten that freedom matters.

ANTI-LOCAL CONTROL PLAN NEARLY HERE!

by Michael Byrne

Folks, we've all been doing our best to stay informed about local issues that threaten individual property owners' rights. This one is a whopper of a threat that deserves your immediate attention...

The juggernaut is never asleep, the legislative assault has been carefully and patiently planned for decades. Suddenly many Americans are waking up to their worst fears, a society where every square inch of our precious land is no longer ours to use as we see fit. Personal liberty, individual initiative, our separate and unique status as citizens of the greatest experiment in human history may well be in the twilight... Please act on this!

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VICTORY!

Fed Zoning Vote Delayed!

The Land Grabbers have been thwarted for a week! Due to YOUR efforts, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, one of the most liberal committees in congress, CANCELLED it's votes, called a "markup session," for yesterday on

S. 975 The Federal Zoning Control bill.

HOWEVER, the Big Brother sponsors of S. 975, including Hillary Clinton and Al Gore's running mate, Sen. Joe Lieberman, will try again NEXT WEEK! KEEP THE PRESSURE ON!!!

S. 975 was expected to sail through committee with very little objection - until Senators started hearing from YOU. Then several Senators objected to the bill and it began losing support. Thursday morning it was pulled from consideration for ONE WEEK. The committee is expected to vote on S. 975 next Thursday, April 18.

WHY is this such a terrible

The Clinton Administration paid \$2 million for a "Smart Growth Legislative Guidebook" that is intended to "guide" counties, cities and towns on how to update their zoning. That's right folks - Big Brother Knows Best - local zoning directed by Washington, DC.

S. 975 offers grants that will pay 90% - that's right, 90% - of the cost for localities to update zoning plans - **BUT ONLY IF they do it the way the feds want them to!**

HERE is what S. 975 says, and what it will do:

Offers to pay for 90% of the cost of updating zoning plans - ONLY if localities do what the feds say.

Requires land use planning to "promote social equity." SOCIAL EQUITY???

Requires localities to "conserve historic, scenic, natural and cultural resources." **What about people?** "Integrate local land use plans with Federal land use plans"

The term "private property rights" appears NOWHERE in the bill!

WHO is behind this disaster?

An outfit called the American Planning Association (APA). Check them out at www.planning.org. They are great supporters of the Endangered Species Act and all federal land grabs.

This is the arrogant "professional" career planners who believe they know best - and elected and appointed zoning boards, city councils, county commissioners can all TAKE A HIKE. They are great supporters of S. 975 because it takes power away from elected local governments and puts it into the hands of regional and state boards and commissions.

Oh yes, one other thing - S. 975 hands out money as well as power to APA members, by requiring "consultation and cooperation" with "nonprofit organizations that promote land use planning" - in other words, APA!

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WHAT SENATORS support this disaster, and who needs to be contacted?

Here are BILL SUPPORTERS on the Environment & Public Works Committee:

#1 - SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON - do you need any further evidence that S.975 is a disaster for private property rights????? Hillary Clinton supports it!

#2 - SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN - Al Gore's running mate is one of the prime movers of this mass federal power grab!

#3 - SENATOR HARRY REID - he steered the "Son of CARA" Land Grab bill through committee and through the Senate with **NO debate and NO recorded vote! Now he wants to do the same with S.975!**

ALSO -

Sen. James M. Jeffords, Vermont - Independent

Sen. Ron Wyden, Oregon - Democrat

Lincoln Chafee, Rhode Island - Republican

Barbara Boxer, California - Democrat

Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania - Republican

Thomas R. Carper, Delaware - Democrat

Jon S. Corzine, New Jersey - Democrat

PLEASE HELP

Opposition to S. 975, Federal Control of Zoning, is building, BUT YOUR VOICE WOULD HELP! The votes of most Senators on the committee are questionable now-- several are considering no longer supporting the bill.

**The vote is now
scheduled for
Thursday, April 18th.**

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THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP OUR FREEDOM IS TO INSIST THAT WE THE PEOPLE ARE IN CHARGE OF OUR DESTINY. NO SOCIETY IS FREE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS THE LAND....