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This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

In an opinion article in the Wall Street Journal recently, Donald Rumsfeld wrote about why the United Nations should not own the seas. He says that thirty years ago, President Ronald Reagan asked him to meet with world leaders to represent the United States in opposition to the United Nation's Law of the Sea Treaty. He goes on to say that today, as the United States Senate again considers approving this flawed agreement, the Reagan-Thatcher's reasons for opposition remain every bit as persuasive.

The Treaty provides and proposes nothing less than the international nationalization of roughly two thirds of the earths surface.

And now once again our current administration has a goal of ratifying this treaty. Mr. Rumsfeld says that on balance the Treaty would not benefit America as a whole.

According to Mr. Rumsfeld, the Treaty proposes to create a new global governance institution that would regulate American citizens and businesses without being accountable politically to the American people. He says it is a threat to the foundation of our nation.

The Treaty creates a United Nations style body call the International Seabed Authority. It would be involved in all commercial activity in international waters, such as mining and oil and gas production. Pursuant to the Treaty's article eighty two, the United States would be required to transfer to this entity a significant share of all royalties generated by US companies, royalties that would otherwise go to the United States Treasury. The Treaty empowers the authority to redistribute the so called international royalties to developing and landlocked countries with no role in exploring or extracting those resources. In other words, he says that this would constitute a massive global welfare system at the courtesy of the US taxpayer.

Mr. Rumsfeld equates this to US fishermen fishing on the high seas and they would be required that the fish that they catch would belong to people everywhere and to give a share of their take to countries that had nothing to do to with their costly, dangerous and arduous efforts.

I leave you with a point to ponder. Don't you think that the Law of the Sea Treaty is as harmful today as it was when President Reagan and Margaret Thatcher first opposed it in 1982?

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