



Stop World War III— Global ‘Glass Steagall’ Now!

April 20—On December 3, 2011, twelve years ago, Lyndon LaRouche, in an international webcast, identified that the rapidly onrushing collapse of the Anglo-American financial system, and the dictate to save it at all costs, was the leading *causis belli* facing mankind at the time. Read his prophetic words as we consider the strategic crisis mankind has been thrust into by the would-be Gods of Olympus of the British-led NATO block:

We are now on the verge of what must be called World War III: This will be thermonuclear World War III—not pre-nuclear war, not nuclear war, but thermonuclear war. The targets, principally, are Russia and China. These are the two principal targets...

The issue is as follows: The present world system, the economic system, is in the process of disintegrating. Exactly how that will occur is uncertain, but it is happening. The intention is to eliminate two nations—Russia and China—and this means nuclear weapons; it means thermonuclear weapons.

The background of the war is the fact that the entire world is going bankrupt, especially the trans-Atlantic region, especially Europe, and also the United States...

Now, what we have to do—there are solutions for this bankruptcy. First of all, we have to put the world through bankruptcy—that is, a legitimate bankruptcy operation. We can do that, by, first of all, in the United States, for example—and other nations can copy this measure in cooperation with the United States—we go with a Glass-Steagall law, a U.S. Glass-Steagall law. And there are nations of Europe who are thinking of adopting the same Glass-Steagall law.

Under a Glass-Steagall law, the greater part of the debt of European nations, and the United States and others, will be wiped out, in effect,

because under Glass-Steagall, the gambling debts, which are the major part of the indebtedness of the United States, will be simply put into a special category where somebody’s going to try to figure out how to get these debts paid—and they will never be paid! They will simply be wiped off the books; there’s no other solution.

Wiping that debt off the books, cancelling the bailout debt, will mean that the United States, and Europe if they join, will be in a position to reorganize their finances, to create a credit system, and actually going into a new kind of Hamiltonian kind of credit system, a banking system, which will enable the United States, and also Europe if they join, and other nations, to organize a financial recovery.

Twelve years later, we're in that war LaRouche warned you about. The organizing efforts of the LaRouche Organization and the Schiller Institute have broken through in the US congress, and not a moment too soon. It's not just a good idea, it's an immediate life and death matter.

A draft law was introduced April 19 into the U.S. House of Representatives for re-regulating out-of-control financial entities, titled “The Return to Prudent Banking Act of 2023,” which is now a pivot point for a global shift toward a new economic architecture, to serve development, not speculation and collapse. In doing this, the bill at the same time is an initiative toward a new world security architecture, to provide for the common benefit of all nations, and bring an end to the economic and military confrontations, now at the point of risking nuclear war.

The bill, HR 2714, will restore the ‘Glass-Steagall Act,’ which in 1933 separated and insured sound commercial lending, from speculative financial activity. It worked for 66 years until its repeal in

1999. Other nations likewise had implemented banking regulation on the Glass-Steagall model.

The principal sponsor of the “Prudent Banking” bill, Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), described her legislation in a statement yesterday, as a measure which will “re-instate essential provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act, or the Banking Act of 1933, which had provided an unprecedented half-century of economic stability...[it will] restore the separation of commercial and investment banking.” She said that, “Wall Street has proven that it cannot control itself, and it is only a matter of time before it steers America into the next financial crisis. It cannot be any clearer that the time for systemic reform is now, which is why I am introducing the Return to Prudent Banking Act to do just that.”

The 1999 repeal of Glass-Steagall in the U.S. marked the advent of all kinds of deregulated financial practices, speculation and debt-bubbles, leading inevitably to the 2007-2009 crisis. When Glass Steagall was not restored at that time, the bail-outs and liquidity pumping that followed, created an “everything bubble,” which is now bursting. The recent bank failures from California to Switzerland, are just the beginning of the crisis.

Internationally, the Schiller Institute has promoted dialogue on these objectives, especially since the issuance in November 2022 of a discussion document, “Ten Principles of a New Development and Security Architecture,” by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the Institute’s founder and leader. Point

Five on “The international financial system must be reorganized” cites the “Four Laws” for a sound economy issued (2014) by economist-statesman Lyndon LaRouche, whose first “Law” was to enact Glass-Steagall banking regulation.

Rep. Kaptur’s statement about her bill notes in particular, “The legislation has been endorsed by the Schiller Institute and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).” There is also widespread support in the U.S. farmbelt. For example, in November 2022, the Kansas Cattlemen’s Association convention passed a resolution calling on Congress to re-institute Glass-Steagall.

Now is the opportunity to act, not to complain! This goes for Americans fed up with the war economy, the lies, and the dictatorship. And that goes for those around the world looking on with horror at how insane the U.S. leadership has been for years. The new move to re-instate Glass Steagall is a sign of sanity and morality. Let’s go for it.

Mobilize for action to re-instate Glass-Steagall, and for all the infrastructure-building, and agro-industrial, health care, education, science development that goes along with it, instead of perpetual war, ending with a nuclear mushroom cloud. In the U.S. we have 435 Congressional districts to put this on the agenda to make it happen in Washington. Let’s get Congressmen from both parties to come together to do something good for a change!

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Demand They Support H.R. 2714 the Return To Prudent Banking Act!

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