

World Trade Organization and International Agreements

International Trade

In 1986, the decision was made to initiate the Uruguay Round of trade talks. The Uruguay Round was intended to be the final act that would authorize the creation of the World Trade Organization. The first time they attempted to create an international trade organization was in 1949. It was rejected by the U.S. Senate because of sovereignty concerns. By 1994, loyalty to the country was gone and the Senate voted to approve it. The Agreement was finalized in Marrakesh so it is called the Marrakesh Agreement. The legislation: H.R. 5110 passed by the House on November 29, 1994 and by the Senate on December 1, 1994. It signed by Clinton on December 8, 1994 becoming Public Law 103-465.

The simple idea of the international trading system is a harmonized legal and regulatory system with free movement of goods and services across borders. That's why the 1949 Senate rejected it. It transfers sovereignty to an international organization with no accountability to the people of this country, nor any country that joins the agreement. This fact is most apparent with the 'Movement of Natural Persons' which falls under the category of Trade in Services. A service boils down to a 'person or a job'.

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/serv_e/mouvement_persons_e/mouvement_persons_e.htm

This 2004 document on the UN website references a training module titled, *Measuring Trade in Services*.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc04/trade-in-services.pdf>

I found a 2008 version of the training module.

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradeserv/TFSITS/Training%20Manual_December_2008_e.pdf

WTO Legal Texts – you'll find all the agreements here

http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

The legislation for NAFTA was H.R. 3450 passed by the House on November 17, 1993 and the Senate on November 20, 1993. It was signed by Clinton on December 8, 1993 becoming Public Law 103-182.

The simple idea of NAFTA was to create a North American common market with integrated economic and political systems – same as the European Union. It is my belief that NAFTA is actually an Annex to the La Paz treaty that was signed with Mexico in 1983 creating an international zone sixty miles wide on either side of the border. The EPA has day-to-day authority over the zone but the ultimate authority resides with the Secretary of State because it was created by treaty. This treaty was an open framework agreement. International organizations (United Nations), NGO's and other government entities are allowed to join it upon approval of the principals.

Both of these agreements transferred sovereignty over U.S. territory to unaccountable, unelected, virtually unknown international bodies.

Something important to know about the United Nations Charter is that they recognize regional organizations the same as a nation-state. This was a strategic move by the people who wrote the charter as the wedge to ultimately eliminate the nation-state governing structures. See Chapter VIII: Regional Arrangements
<http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/index.shtml>

The Marrakesh Agreement and the La Paz-NAFTA agreements created those regional, international organizations.

Idaho was the first state to legislate participation in a sub-regional, international organization – the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region. I'm sure you are aware of that one because it was created while you were in office and as a leader in the Idaho State Senate, I know that you know what this is all about in terms of breaking up the United States as a nation-state.

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Redesign of Government

When the High Performance Computing Act of 1991 was passed, it opened up the nation's telecommunications system to the public. It became what we call the Internet. Al Gore sponsored this legislation when he was in the Senate. When he became Vice President, his "project" was to lead the redesign of our government to fully utilize the capabilities of the open telecommunications system and with consideration for the globalization that they knew was coming.

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