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Will Senate Surrender Pentagon Social Policies to the “LGBT Left?”



Obama: June “LGBT Equality Month” Signals Radical Intent

In response to congressional votes to repeal the 1993 law regarding homosexuals in the military, followed by the [White House proclamation](#) that June is “**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Equality**” month, **Center for Military Readiness** President **Elaine Donnelly** issued the following statement:

“Last week, Democrats knew they would lose the vote if it took place later in the year, after the Pentagon’s review. President Obama crafted a backroom deal so that he could deliver on his campaign promises to the doctrinaire **LGBT Left**. A sufficient number of lawmakers fell for the **Repeal Deal**, which was signed by President Obama’s budget director and passed off as a ‘compromise.’ Allowing only five minutes of debate for each side, House liberals did the president’s bidding and rushed the vote to repeal the 1993 law, **Section 654, Title 10**, mislabeled “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT).”

Donnelly continued, “With breathtaking sophistry and arrogance, House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** rammed through legislation to repeal the law while denying its predetermined consequences. During the brief debate period, no one made a single credible argument justifying the radical change. Active-duty troops are expected to pay a huge price so that President Barack Obama can deliver on his campaign promise during **LGBT Equality Month**.”

On Fox News, retired Air Force **Lt. Gen. Tom McInerney** said that the four military service chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps were “*furios*” that their strong letters of opposition were disregarded. An unnamed high-level official also told Fox News that some active-duty troops feel “*double-crossed...they had been told that nothing would happen quickly and were assured that their individual concerns would be taken into account*.”

Said Donnelly, “Politics aside, it makes no sense for Congress to surrender unprecedented power to pull the final trigger on the military to a triumvirate of Administration officials, including President Obama himself, who have announced their

pro-repeal intentions already.

“President Obama, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates can ‘certify’ that there will be no negative consequences of repeal, but that statement will be meaningless. The voices of our military have not been heard or respected. If the professional advice and concerns of the four military service chiefs do not matter now, why would they matter later on? This irresponsible, needlessly-rushed repeal of the law is an affront to our troops and a serious blow to morale.”

CMR praised **Sen. John McCain** (R-AZ) for leading the opposition during a closed-door Senate Armed Service Committee markup session, and for vowing to lead a filibuster against the Defense Authorization Bill should the Repeal Deal language remain. As reported in [Politico](#), Congress still has the power and possibly the votes, for various reasons, to defeat the defense bill.

Said Donnelly, “We commend Sen. McCain and **Sen. Roger Wicker** (R-MS) for their principled stand, and urge Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell** (R-KY) and all pro-military lawmakers to defeat the Defense Authorization Bill, if necessary, in order to retain the current law. It is wrong to impose a dangerous social-engineering scheme upon the men and women of the U. S. military.”

CMR also applauded the efforts of House Armed Services Committee Chairman **Ike Skelton** (D-MO) and Ranking Member **Howard P. “Buck” McKeon** (R-CA), who fought valiantly on the House floor for the voices of servicemembers to be heard.

Brief summaries and detailed information on this issue are available in a specific section of the CMR website titled [Problems with Gays in the Military](#). To schedule an interview on this subject, call **Elaine Donnelly** at **734/464-9430** or CMR Executive Director **Tommy Sears** at **202/347-5333** (Washington, D.C. office) or **202/330-1390**. (cell)

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