

LEVIN TOO LIBERAL FOR MICHIGAN

He's big in Washington-- *Carl Levin*. He fits in.

And he's big with the left-wing pressure groups that have dominated Congress the last two years.

CONSIDER THE RECORD.

SAVAGING MARINE HERO PETER PACE

Carl Levin **used** his position as chairman of the Armed Services Committee to block the reappointment of General Peter Pace as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, even though General Pace is a great military leader and Vietnam hero. The first U.S. Marine appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Pace was effective and popular.

Trying to please far-left groups that have so much influence in this congress -- like MoveOn.org that ran an ad labeling U.S. Iraq commander General Petraeus a traitor for saying the war was winnable-- liberal Carl Levin put his brand

of partisan malice first and what was best for national security second, particularly what the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of the U.S. armed forces wanted.

Forgetting the wishes of the people of Michigan, Carl Levin -- an elder liberal in Washington trying to thrill the new left-wing pressure groups -- took out his political differences with the administration on a military hero and fine officer.

SAVAGING IRAQ HERO GENERAL PETREAUS

At a crucial and very dark moment in the Iraq war when Move. On, the radical left-wing group that favored immediate retreat and surrender, took out a full page ad in the New York Times -- calling the newly-appointed commander General Peter Petraeus a traitor for saying the war was winnable, even the most liberal members of Congress were shocked and voted for a resolution condemning the group. NOT Carl Levin. The US Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman voted against condemning this unprecedented and vicious assault on a US commander in the field.

POLITICS PLAYING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

Again trying to even political scores, liberal Carl Levin launched another personal vendetta against those who challenged CIA presumptions and tried to develop sound intelligence about terrorist threats to the United States. According to the Wall Street Journal, Senator Levin's smears against Douglas Feith -- then under secretary of Defense for Policy -- "will have a chilling effect on anyone who wants to question military intelligence in the future." "This is dangerous," the Journal continues, "because if recent experience has taught us anything it is that we need far more such questioning." The Journal reminds us that "Senator Levin may enjoy scoring partisan points," but comparing him to Captain Ahab said Levin's "nasty obsession with Mr. Feith will have the effect of endorsing more group-think as the last, best word in intelligence and will lead to more Iraqs and more 9/11s."

SENATOR SMEAR

But Senator Levin's smear tactics didn't stop there. White House official David Addington and Pentagon General Counsel William Haynes were also on the hit list, all because they simply did the difficult job right after 9/11 of trying to advise the military and intelligence services on how to legally and humanely interrogate terrorists with vital information about more 9/11-like attacks. In a series of orchestrated smears before impending hearings, Levin and his committee staff fed misinformation to carefully cultivated reporters who published both inaccurate and wholly one-sided accounts. The hearings themselves turned into travesties as the very military lawyers whom Levin claimed would support his smear ended up supporting Haynes for his openness and concern with human rights. As the Wall Street Journal explains about what it did not hesitate to call "a smear" -- "President Bush ordered political appointees to prevent another attack, in part by breaking al Qaeda detainees, and they argued over how best to do this. Mr. Levin is now using those internal disagreements to play 'gotcha,'



when he should be congratulating Administration officials for their willingness to listen and their moral conscience."

MORE POLITICS PLAYING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

Intoxicated with his power as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Carl Levin interfered with other critical Department of Defense appointments. He blocked the appointment of Peter Flory, a well-qualified public servant nominated to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy. Why? "Well, Mr. Flory has the misfortune to work for

Undersecretary Douglas Feith, whom Senator Levin has pursued like Ahab chasing Moby Dick. So Mr. Flory gets harpooned, too," reports the *Wall Street Journal*. Carl Levin also blocked the appointments of two other key individuals: Eric Edelman, nominated to be the undersecretary of defense for policy, and Benjamin Powell, nominated for a position at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Levin's stonewalling got him the title "Obstacle in Chief" from National Review. In fact, according to National Review, Mr. Edelman or Mr. Powell didn't face "any substantive objections from Democrats." But that didn't stop Senator Levin from derailing their nominations for no good reason. Carl Levin undermined crucial intelligence-gathering efforts in the nation's war against terrorism by blocking these essential nominees.

MISSILE DEFENSE

Most American are not aware that until President Bush pushed hard for a missile-defense system, the United States had no way of stopping an incoming missile launched by criminal states like nuclear-armed North Korea. But no thanks to Carl Levin. As a representative of the old liberal gang in Washington who insisted missile defense wouldn't work from the days that Ronald Reagan proposed it, Carl Levin did all he could to obstruct this program that one day could save America from a catastrophic attack by constantly pushing for halts and budget cutbacks. According to the Wall Street Journal, "Mr. Levin has been waging his own private war against missile defenses for a generation, to the point of outflanking Russian objections on the political left."

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Senator Levin preposterously voted against authorizing the President of the United States to wiretap suspected terrorist communication that originates overseas. In Levin's bizarre world, unelected judges, not elected officials, are to determine which members of al Qaeda are reasonable to monitor. Adding to the insanity, Levin opposed legislation that granted retroactive immunity for the telecom companies that cooperated with the feds after 9/11. In Levin's mind, the rights of potential terrorists are more important than trying to protect the United States from another attack on American soil.

SUMMARY

An unapologetic liberal voting record is bad enough. But the malice, vendettas and partisan smears of those with tough responsibilities? Carl Levin -- an elder liberal who wants to be popular with left-wing pressure groups -- has abused his power. America's military and Her national security are weaker for it.

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