

We the People

Sept. 17

Defend the Constitution!

226th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution

2nd Anniversary of Occupy Wall Street!

NO TO FAST TRACK!

"I believe in the Constitution. I will vote against Fast Track because trade is the responsibility of Congress. I believe in SLOW Track"

—Rep. Charles Rangel

According to Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, "Fast Track" is the process that gives the executive branch the authority to negotiate and write trade agreements and delegates away Congress' constitutional power to set the terms of U.S. trade policy. Fast Track creates special rules for considering trade agreements by allowing the executive branch to sign an agreement before Congress votes on it and only gives Congress 90 days to vote on the trade deal.

Under Fast Track, the president is authorized to negotiate trade agreements with foreign countries without consulting Congress or state legislators. After the executive branch locks down the terms of the deal and writes the implementing legislation, Congress is only permitted a yes or no vote, while states are virtually left out of the process. Thus, state and congressional officials elected to represent the public interest have no role in the process but to approve or disapprove the whole package."

President Obama wants Congress to vote on Fast Track in late September or early October so he can send the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) to a vote in Congress shortly thereafter. Backed by corporations like Monsanto, Halliburton, Exxon Mobil, and Wal-Mart, TPP is a 12 country international agreement described by fair trade advocates as "NAFTA on steroids", "a corporate power tool", and "a backroom deal for the 1%."

Leaked texts from the highly secretive TPP negotiations reveal a document that will give corporations the power to circumvent state, federal, and local environmental and consumer safety laws in international tribunals outside the jurisdiction of the United States court system, where corporations can demand unlimited sums in compensation for all the profits they claim they MIGHT have made if they were not obligated to adhere to our public interest policies.

TPP's draconian intellectual property threatens internet freedom and privacy, leading the ACLU to describe TPP as "The Biggest Threat to Free Speech and Intellectual Property That You've Never Heard Of."

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