



Rep. Frank Wolf Takes to the House Floor To Demand a Select Committee to Investigate Benghazi

July 20th, 2013 • 9:57 AM

Beginning on July 16, Rep. Frank Wolf announced that he would take to the floor of the House every day before the August recess to ask questions about Benghazi and to push for a select committee to get the answers.

On July 16, Wolf noted that in nearly a year "not one person who was in Benghazi the night of the attack has been subpoenaed to testify publicly before Congress." He pointed to the fact that two new books will shortly appear on Benghazi. The first is *Under Fire: The Untold Story of the Attack in Benghazi*, which will be released in September, and excerpts from which appear in the August issue of *Vanity Fair*. A second book is due out in 2014. The first book is based on the accounts of five unnamed members of the Diplomatic Security Service who were in Benghazi at the time of the attack and the second book is based on the accounts of four members of an elite security team that operated out of the CIA annex. As Wolf noted: "I can't help but ask why the Congress has not asked, or subpoenaed, these individuals to testify before House committees that have been investigating over the past year."

On Day 2, July 17, Wolf asked the following questions: "Was there an intelligence failure in vetting the true loyalty of the Libyan security guards for the U.S. consulate? Which agency was responsible for vetting the militias? Who provided the terrorists with details of the consulate property? Was it the security guards or someone in the Libyan government who was notified about the ambassadors visit? Why did the guards in the car outside the consulate not warn the U.S. staff of the gathering terrorists as they drove away a minute before the assault began? Were they complicit in the plot?"

These questions zero in directly on the Feb. 17 Brigade and the Supreme Security Committee, both of which are controlled by Abdelhakim Belhadj, the former emir of the al-Qaeda affiliated Libyan Islamic Fighting Group with whom the Obama administration allied to overthrow Qaddafi.

On Day 3, July 18, Wolf asked the following questions: "How many Benghazi survivors, including federal employees, military personnel or contractors, have been asked to sign additional Non-Disclosure Agreements by the different agencies relating to what happened in Benghazi? Do these NDAs apply only to those under cover, or have non-covert State Department and Defense Department employees been directed to sign them too?"

In his floor speech today, Wolf also noted that he will be sending letters to the CIA, Defense Department and State Department asking for a list of all of their personnel or contractors they have required to sign original or additional NDAs relating to Benghazi.

"Perhaps, through a list of all employees that have signed NDAs relating to Benghazi, we may finally develop a witness list to subpoena for eyewitness testimony to learn what happened that night where we lost four American lives."

Wolf also noted that the House wanted to interview a key witness, a Marine colonel whose task force was responsible for special operations in northern and western Africa at the time of the attack. However, they had been told that he had retired and therefore could not be forced to testify. But on July 17 the *Marine Corps Times* reported that he is still on active duty.

On Wednesday, July 17, Rep. Steve Stockman announced that he is circulating a Discharge Petition to force a vote on the floor of the House on Wolf's H.R. 36 which calls for a select committee. The resolution already has 159 co-sponsors.

On July 16, a hearing on Benghazi in the House Foreign Affairs Committee was postponed until September, which means as Wolf stressed that "it does not appear that there will be a single hearing on Benghazi scheduled in any committee between now and the one-year anniversary."

W W W . L A R O U C H E P A C . C O M

Paid for by the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee
P.O. Box 6157, Leesburg, VA 20178, www.larouchepac.com
and Not Authorized by Any Candidate or Candidate's Committee