



## The Minnesota Peroration

- On 14 October 2009, Lord Monckton addressed 1200 members of the Minnesota Free Market Institute at Bethel University, St. Paul. The organizers, on hearing that he had come across a draft of the Treaty of Copenhagen that was due to be finalized by world leaders including President Obama in climate negotiations that December, asked him to add a warning about it to his lecture to the Institute. A member of the audience used his cell-phone to film Lord Monckton's extempore 4-minute peroration sounding that warning, and posted it at once on YouTube. Within a week, a million people had seen it. This is thought to be the fastest You-Tube Platinum for any speech.
- By the end of the week, hundreds of thousands of concerned US citizens had contacted their Congressmen and, in particular, their Senators, who have the power to ratify Treaties. At this point, a Professor at Texas A&M University contacted Lord Monckton and said that two dozen bogus internet pages had been created, each containing strings of meaningless characters and symbols, except that somewhere the words "Monckton video" were included *en clair*, had appeared on Google's search engine. What is more, these pages of gibberish had each been given a prominence in the search order that was higher than that accorded to the real video with its million hits. The Professor explained that, at a cost of perhaps \$250,000, someone had been desperate to break the viral chain and prevent tens of millions more from seeing the speech.
- Nevertheless, around 5 million saw the speech, and the Treaty of Copenhagen failed. Lord Monckton was present in the auditorium on a bitterly cold December day in Denmark to see it die. The verbatim text of the Minnesota Peroration, transcribed from the video of the event, follows.

AT COPENHAGEN, this December, weeks away, a Treaty will be signed. Your President will sign it. Most of the third-world countries round the world will sign it because they think they're going to get money out of it. Most of the left-wing regimes round the world – like the European Union – will rubber-stamp it. Virtually nobody won't sign it.

I have read that Treaty, and what it says is this: that a world government is going to be created. The word "government" actually appears as the first of three purposes of the new entity.

The second purpose is the transfer of wealth from the countries of the West to third-world countries in satisfaction of what is called, coyly, "climate debt", because we've been burning [fossil fuels and emitting] CO2 and they haven't. We haven't been screwing up the climate, but that's the line.

And the third purpose of this new entity, this "government", is enforcement. How many of you think that the word "election", "democracy", "vote" or "ballot" occurs anywhere in the 200 pages of that Treaty? Quite right – it doesn't appear once.

So, at last, the Communists who piled out of the Berlin Wall and into the environmental movement and took over Greenpeace so that my friends who founded it left within a year because they [the Communists] had captured it – now the apotheosis is at hand: they are about to impose a Communist world government on the world. You have a President who has very strong sympathies with that point of view: he's going to sign. He'll sign anything: he's a Nobel Peace Laureate. Of course he'll sign.

And the trouble is this. If that Treaty is signed, your Constitution says it [the Treaty] takes precedence over your Constitution, and you can't resile from that Treaty unless you get agreement from all the other States Parties. And because you'll be the biggest-paying country, they're not going to let you out.

So, thank you, America! You were the beacon of freedom for the world. It is a privilege merely to stand on this soil of freedom – while it is still free. But in the next few weeks, unless you stop it, your President will sign your freedom, your democracy and your prosperity away forever, and neither you nor any subsequent government you may elect will have any power whatsoever to take it back again.

That is how serious it is. I have read the Treaty. I have seen this stuff about "government" and "climate debt" and enforcement. They are going to do this to you whether you like it or no.

But I think it is here, here in your great nation, which I so love and I so admire – it is here that, perhaps, at this eleventh hour, at the 59th minute and the 59th second, you will rise up, and you will stop your President from signing that dreadful Treaty. That purposeless Treaty: for there is no problem with the climate and, even if there were, economically speaking there is nothing we can do about it.

So I end by saying to you the words that Winston Churchill addressed to your President in the darkest hour before the dawn of freedom, in the Second World War. He quoted from your great poet Longfellow:

Sail on, o Ship of State!  
Sail on, o Union strong and great!  
Humanity, with all its fears –  
With all the hopes of future years –  
Is hanging, breathless, on thy fate!