

**Bolton inspired choice**

Re "Give Bolton U.S. support he deserves":

I think the appointment of John Bolton as United Nations ambassador may have been an inspired one. Why? Because if he was already part of the bloated and status-quo club that already runs the U.N. so poorly there would have hardly been so much as a squeak from such individuals as the likes of Sens. Ted Kennedy, John Kerry, et al.

Instead, all the resistance leads me to believe that Bolton may be just what the doctor ordered to facilitate much-needed changes.

Considering that former President Clinton exercised the recess appointment 140 times — and President Bush only has used this power 106 times — Sen. Barbara Boxer (and many of her compatriots) needs a lesson in being fair and team players rather than being a bully and unreasonable about reasonable actions.

I know firsthand the lack of will the U.N., as a whole, has to truly lead and make changes. Many years ago I attended the first U.N. General Session on HIV/AIDS, called by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and attended by NGOs and HIV/AIDS activists from nearly every country.

After five days of speeches, presentations, discussions, etc., and knowing then the horrific statistics of the death toll and estimated infection rates, the U.N. decided to do — you guessed it — nothing. Members chose instead to wait another five years to take the next steps because as a group they could not agree on whether or not to use the word "homosexual" in their resolution.

So I guess it was easier to let even more people become infected and more people left to die instead. This is the kind of leadership that exists at the U.N. today, and maybe Bolton can be an agent for change. I surely hope so.

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