

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King (IA-05) released the following statement following the House Judiciary Committee announcement that it will consider the constitutionality of President Obama's recent recess appointments in a hearing on February 15:

"Article II Sec. 2 of the Constitution states, "*The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate*."  
."The Senate was not in recess," said King. "The President abused his executive power by defying the Constitution. The move to nominate the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and three members to the National Labor Relations Board without the Constitutionally-required approval of the Senate was clearly a political tactic. Once again, the President has shown a blatant disregard for the Constitution and the important checks and balances put in place by our Founding Fathers. The American people expect and Congress must demand that the President adhere to his oath of office or leave the office itself. The American people will remember in November."

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*Congressman King is a cosponsor of Congresswoman Black's resolution of disapproval of the appointments that can be found [here](#). King is also signed onto letters to the President from Congressman Garrett and Congressman Rokita condemning the appointments. The letter from Congressman Garrett can be found [here](#), and the letter from Congressman Rokita can be found [here](#).*