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## Playing Politics With Constitution & the Law

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Did Obama have the authority to make the Cordray and the NLRB appointments, since the Senate is technically not in recess? And will the president's shift from bipartisan conciliator to partisan agitator pay off?

My response: All of Obama's

appointments yesterday are illegal under the Constitution. And, in addition, as too little noted by the media, his appointment of Richard Cordray to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is legally futile. Under the plain language of the Dodd-Frank Act that created the CFPB, Cordray will have no authority whatsoever.

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