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Debate Continues Over President's NLRB Recess Appointments

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Several media outlets and political pundits are weighing in on the ongoing legal battle over **President Obama's recess appointments to the National Labor Relations Board**. Our prior reports on this topic can be [found here](#).

On one side, the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board opined that President Obama “is exceeding his constitutional authority” with the appointments. They argue that following the President's logic would mean he “could presumably make recess appointments every weekend, or during lunch.” The editorial concludes that the recess appointments were a “power grab” and should be overturned in court. The full editorial can be [found here](#).

A contrary opinion is penned for the *Huffington Post* by Victor Williams, Clinical Assistant Professor, Catholic University of America School of Law. Williams writes that the appointments were made during a twenty-one day Senate break when “the Senate conducted no business and considered no communications from the president.” He argues the “the seconds-long pro forma sessions held every three days were embarrassing faux sessions lacking legal or constitutional significance.” His full post can be [found here](#).

With several cases pending on this issue, the courts of appeal around the country will begin to weigh in this topic in the coming weeks.

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