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Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) joins the Washington Journal to explain a suit he filed with nine other House members challenging Pres. Obama’s Libya policy.

The complaint, filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, claims that President Obama violated the War Powers Act by not seeking Congressional approval before he initiated the Libyan bombing campaign on March 19.

In addition, the complaint alleges that the President violated the Constitution by relying on NATO and the United Nations for authorization of the military campaign instead of seeking the support of Congress.

The complaint comes on the heels of a letter from House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) warning the President that he may be in violation of the War Powers Act on Sunday when the required 90-day notice to Congress comes due.

In a press statement responding to his Congressional critics, President Obama argued that he did not need Congressional approval because the U.S. is playing a limited role in the Libya campaign and no American forces are engaged on the ground.


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