

UNCLE TOOBZ? ARE YOU OBSTRUCTING OVERSIGHT OF TARP?



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POGO notes something I hadn't seen reported elsewhere—the last paragraph of a Chris Dodd statement regarding the selection of Neil Barofsky as Inspector General for the TARP bailout funds.

Unfortunately, the confirmation has been delayed by at least one Senator. That delay is regrettable and not in the best interest of American taxpayers. It is my sincere hope that those who are blocking this nomination will reconsider their actions and confirm Mr. Barofsky at the earliest opportunity.

I posit Ted Stevens as one potential source of the hold only because he has been known to put holds on finance oversight in the past. Plus, he's probably been in an ornery mood of late.

But there are plenty of other Republicans who like to obstruct good legislation. There's John Kyl's hold on FOIA reforms. John Ensign's hold on electronic filing of Senate disclosure forms. And there's Tom Coburn's hold on just about everything—though to be fair to Coburn, his MO is usually to obstruct things he finds culturally offensive, not matters pertaining to oversight.

Still, someone's out there making sure that no one is watching over our \$700 billion dollars.

Now why would some corporate shill want to do that?