95 PEOPLE LEARN TO LOVE THE DRAGNET

Earlier this morning, the House passed HR 3361, which I call the USA Freedumber Act.

The bill passed by a large margin: 303 to 121.

That means that somewhere in the neighborhood of 86 people who voted for Amash-Conyers less than a year ago voted for a bill that in some ways expands what the government can do with phone records. For example, today's bill endorsed the chaining of identifiers "connected" to a chain seed, rather than just chaining on actual phone calls. The FISA Court had endorsed this kind of chaining back in 2012, but it only recently became public, and the government is likely to be able to do far more of this connection-based chaining with the phone records in telecom custody. That surely includes the use of geolocation to make connections, something the government could not legally do under the current program.

In addition, those 95 people who voted against the dragnet last year today endorsed language that seems to permit — and immunize — the Internet dragnet, which has been found to be illegal. If the government chooses to use this new language (and I doubt they would have stuck it in the bill at the last minute if they didn't intend to use it), then this bill represents a vast expansion of domestic spying off what those 86 people voted against last year.

To be fair, I doubt most of the people who flip-flopped on the dragnet understand this. Mike Rogers and Bob Goodlatte both made misleading comments during the debate, with Rogers outright lying. Even John Conyers and Jerry Nadler (and especially Sheila Jackson Lee) made comments about the bill that are only narrowly true.

That's all another good reason to call this thing USA Freedumber.

From the roll call, here are the people who voted against the dragnet (by voting for Amash-Conyers) but voted for this bill today. Note, there are good faith reasons to do that, and I suspect a lot of these people were ill-informed about how bad the bill is now. But I do hope the people who learned to love the dragnet put some thought into what they just bought off on.

1. Amdoei
2. Bachus
3. Rob Bishop
4. Black
5. Blackburn
6. Braley
7. Bridenstine
8. Buchanan
9. Capps
10. André Carson
11. Cassidy
12. Chabot
13. Chaffetz
14. Chu
15. Cicilline
16. Clay
17. Cleaver
18. Clyburn
19. Coffman
20. Cohen
21. Connolly
22. Conyers
23. Courtney
24. Cramer
25. Rodney Davis
26. DeLauro
27. DeSantis
28. Deutch

29. Dingell
30. John Duncan Jr.
31. Farenthold
32. Fincher
33. Fleischmann
34. Fudge
35. Garamendi
36. Gowdy
37. Gene Green
38. Tim Griffin
39. Hall
40. Huffmann
41. Huizenga
42. Hultgren
43. Jenkins
44. Bill Johnson
45. Kildee
46. LaMalfa
47. Lamborn
48. John Larson
49. Loebsack
50. Lujan Grisham
51. Luján
52. Lynch
53. Carol Maloney
54. McDermott
55. McHenry
56. McMorris Rodgers
57. Mica
58. Michaud
59. Moore
60. Moran
61. Mullin
62. Nadler
63. Napolitano
64. Nugent
65. Pascrell

66. Pastor
67. Pearce
68. Perlmutter
69. Petri
70. Pocan
71. Rahall
72. Rangel
73. Rice
74. Ross
75. Roybal-Allard
76. Linda Sánchez
77. Sarbanes
78. Scalise
79. Schiff
80. Schrader
81. Bobby Scott
82. Sensenbrenner
83. Sherman
84. Jason Smith
85. Chris Smith
86. Southerland
87. Stewart
88. Glenn Thompson
89. Tsongas
90. Vela
91. Waters
92. Williams
93. Joe Wilson
94. Yoder
95. Don Young