

ROLL CALL ON FISA IN HJC

Via email, here are the roll call votes against the Forbes amendment (favoring immunity for Telcos) and for the RESTORE legislation.

Forbes:

No: Conyers, Berman, Boucher, Nadler, Scott, Watt, Lofgren, Jackson Lee, Waters, Delahunt, Wexler, Sanchez, Cohen, Sutton, Sherman, Baldwin, Weiner, Schiff, Davis, Wasserman Schultz, Ellison

Yes: Smith, Sensenbrenner, Coble, Goodlatte, Lungren, Cannon, Keller, Pence, Forbes, King, Feeney, Franks, Gohmert, Jordan

Final Passage

Yes:

BARTLETT TARGETS DEADEYE DICK

Remember when Dick Cheney shot an old man in the face and then attempted to cover it up by reporting it through the local press? Well, Dan Bartlett wants you to know that that whole cover-up was Dick's idea demand.

Then there was the time Cheney shot his pal during a hunting accident in Texas. "We couldn't get hold of him for quite a bit of time," Bartlett said. "They were strategizing on their

BLOGGER IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER?

The NYT manages to understand that the Republicans went overboard with their attacks on Graeme Frost. But there's something else they don't seem to understand.

In recent days, Graeme and his family have been attacked by conservative bloggers and other critics of the Democrats' plan to expand the insurance program, known as S-chip.

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But Michelle Malkin, one of the bloggers who have strongly criticized the Frosts, insisted Republicans should hold their ground and not pull punches.

THE LATEST TERRORISM LEAK

In his post on the latest Bush exposure of counter-terrorism resources, Noah Schachtman links to this long profile on the woman and firm exposed by BushCo. Two things stick out from the article:

Taking two staff members from the Investigative Project, Katz set up her own office. She got by on small government contracts.

SOCIETY OF

“PROFESSIONAL” “JOURNALISTS” PROVES IT IS NEITHER

Via RawStory, I see that Bob Novak claims that Joe Wilson didn't warn him strongly against outing Valerie in his column.

Columnist Robert Novak said Saturday Ambassador Joe Wilson did not forcefully object to the naming of his CIA operative wife, Valerie Plame Wilson, when Novak spoke to him prior to the publication of a column that sparked a federal investigation and sent White House aide I.

WATERGATE, THE FARCE

I happen to be reading Stonewall right now. And I gotta say, I've already said what Bernstein said several times.

Watergate would not have played out the same way today because Congress no longer performs its oversight role, said Carl Bernstein, one of the journalists famous for uncovering the story.

“The difference with today is that the system did its job.”

“IT’S TOO EXPENSIVE TO REVEAL OUR ROLE IN MINE DISASTERS”

Elaine Chao (and her acting solicitor Jonathan Snare) must have spent a lot of time with

Alberto Gonzales. Because she seems to be parroting him, in an attempt to refuse to comply with Congress' oversight requests.

The Labor Department said Friday that it could cost millions of dollars and take months to respond to a House committee's subpoena looking at the agency's oversight of the Crandall Canyon mine in Utah, site of a fatal

PROGRESS?

I'll withhold judgment until I see the text of the bill, but from this story, it appears the Progressive Caucus made some progress—though not on all counts—in their efforts to ensure the permanent FISA amendment safeguards privacy and civil liberties.

House Democrats plan to introduce a bill this week that would let a secret court issue one-year “umbrella” warrants to allow the government to intercept e-mails and phone calls of foreign targets and would

SPYING ON YOUR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

Laura's right. Jeff Stein's article detailing the several ways in which Senator Richard Shelby spied on Anthony Lake and similar activities raises all sorts of questions.

Tenet also wrote that, “National Security Agency officials told us that Shelby staffers had been asking whether there was derogatory information in their communications intercepts on Lake.”

But the NSA refused Shelby's entreaties, two sources said, and there was no derogatory information in the FBI's files.

IS THIS JUST A REFERENCE TO LIBBY'S HARRASSMENT?

A lot of folks have noted Tweety's latest chirping.

Chris Matthews had barely finished praising his colleagues at the 10th anniversary party for his "Hardball" show Thursday night in Washington, D.C. when his remarks turned political and pointed, even suggesting that the Bush administration had "finally been caught in their criminality."

In front of an audience that included such notables as Alan Greenspan, Rep.