

# **BUSHCO ROLLED OUT A PARADE OF LIARS TO SQUELCH LICHTBLAU, RISEN & NYT**

A fairly significant article just posted at Slate by Eric Lichtblau on the jaded history of the publication, and withholding of publication for well over a year, of his and Jim Risen's seminal story on the criminal warrantless wiretapping by the Bush Administration. Some of it we knew, some of it we guessed and some of it is first impression. As a whole however, it is stunning to digest.

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## **NACCHIO GETS A NEW TRIAL**

Joseph Nacchio gets a new trial. Perhaps, finally, he'll be able to reveal how the Bush Administration tried to force him to illegally wiretap Americans.

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## **MORE BLUE DOGS COME HOME**

In addition to Leonard Boswell, 15 other Representatives who wrote to Nancy Pelosi in support of the Senate bill voted for the Democratic bill today.

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## **THE BLUE DOGS (SOME OF THEM, AT LEAST) COME HOME**

Some time ago, 21 Blue Dog Democrats wrote a letter in support of the Senate bill on FISA. The Republicans (including Doc Hastings in today's debate) have pointed to that letter in support of their argument for the Senate bill.

But the Blue Dogs—at least some of them—are starting to come home (perhaps because of the pressure that Blue America is preparing to put on them for voting against civil liberties).

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## **FISA: FBI OVERRIDES CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIONS**

Reuters reports something missed in most coverage of the IG report on abuses of the National Security Letters: on two occasions, FBI overrode the judgment of the FISA Court. All the more reason to support the House—rather than the Senate—version of the FISA amendment.

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## **HOUSE TO GO INTO SECRET SESSION**

At the request of the Republican leadership (who want to say something to the entire House that

can't be said publicly), the House is going to go into a secret session to debate FISA. Hopefully, Dems will take this opportunity to tell their colleagues that there is clear evidence the telecoms knowingly failed to take measures to ensure their wiretapping was legal.

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## **HJC CALLS BULL ON SSCI'S CONCLUSIONS**

HJC's Democrats write a letter that responds to all of SSCI's justifications for immunity.

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## **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX**

The ACLU says this about the House's proposed compromise on FISA.

While we still have concerns about aspects of the new House FISA bill, the American Civil Liberties Union is encouraged by the new draft – particularly the language on state secrets, which would allow the cases to go forward while allowing the telecommunications companies to assert any defenses.

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## **“OR HIS DESIGNEE”**

It's not enough for AT&T to illegally wiretap Americans. Last fall, they also unilaterally rewrote the law to make their illegal wiretapping legal. Though last i checked, the telecoms were not authorized to pass laws...

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**“DUDE, THAT’S WHAT  
THEY WANT.”**

Babak