

FISA DEBATE AND VOTES

Votes on two Feingold amendments.

ARLEN “SCOTTISH HAGGIS” SPECTER ENUMERATES BUSH’S LAW-BREAKING

Scottish Haggis started making a list yesterday of the statutes

FEINGOLD SLAPS DOWN BOND’S, MUKASEY’S, AND MCCONNELL’S “TIRED ACCUSATIONS”

Senator Feingold noticed the same thing I noticed today: Republican opponents of his amendments are mischaracterizing his amendments.

[Bond] referred to our concerns that somehow the rights and privacy could be affected by this bill as “tired accusations.” I object to that characterization. I think that this is clearly the kind of thing we should be worried about and debating, but I’ll tell you what is a “tired accusation”—the notion that somehow

FISA DEBATE LIVEBLOG

Russ Feingold tries to save the Constitution.

MCCONNELL AND MUKASEY TELL HALF TRUTHS

One benefit of the process the Senate is using to develop a FISA bill is that, by rejecting the SJC bill then considering amendment after amendment that had been part of the SJC bill, we begin to learn what the government really plans to do with its wiretapping program, as distinct from what it has said it was doing.

Recall.

WHITE HOUSE WRITES PRE-EMPTIVE SIGNING STATEMENT ON EXCLUSIVITY

A summary of the Mukasey/McConnell letter to Congress.

MORE FISA DEBATE

More FISA debate, just trying to keep discrete threads.

FISA DEBATE LIVEBLOG

Three amendments up, no votes today. The first two Feingold amendments prohibit bulk collection and reverse targeting. The third, with Dodd, is immunity.

Feingold on Reverse Targeting

Director of Intelligence has testified that reverse targeting is violation of 4th amendment.

Notes Senator from GA has said reverse targeting is possible.

[Placing declassified documents in record]

This confirms that when FBI has interest in American, up to FBI whether to seek a warrant.

JELLO JAY ADVOCATES ILLEGAL SPYING ON AMERICANS

In his opposition to a Feingold FISA amendment designed to remove any incentive the government has to abuse the new FISA program, Jello Jay sanctions the illegal collection of US person data.

RUSS FEINGOLD: WE NEED TO PROTECT AMERICANS FROM JOHN BOLTON

Russ Feingold made a pretty good argument today. We need to add protections for American privacy to the FISA bill to protect them from John Bolton's "intellectual curiosity."