TWEETY SEZ, "WHY NOT DR. DEAN?"

Tweety asks the question I've been wondering about: why not name Dean as HHS Secretary?

GIBBS WON'T SAY THERE AREN'T MORE TAX PROBLEMS

From today's press briefing (via email):

Q That doesn't say who decided that this was the best move. And if I could just follow up quickly. Are there other nominees out there with tax problems that we don't know about?

MR. GIBBS: The President is quite confident in the people that serve in this White House and serve in this administration; that we've put a standard of

WHO IS PAYING A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TO SNOOP ON RAHM?

Apparently, Rahm Emanuel has a private investigator snooping into his living arrangements. Who is paying the PI?

I BET HOWARD DEAN PAYS HIS TAXES

As Jane has reported, Tom Daschle has withdrawn from consideration to be HHS Secretary.

Which leaves a spot open for someone who has thought a lot about how to get Americans health care and a proven leader.

How about Howard Dean?

If you're interested, there's a Facebook group where you can show your support for Dean for HHS.

WHO TOLD WOODWARD OF IMPENDING TAX PROBLEMS OVER 10 DAYS AGO?

While I'm disgusted that a third Obama nominee has tax problems (though at least Killefer is withdrawing), I'm just as disturbed that Bob Woodward knew this was coming.

SOME OBAMA FOLKS MIFFED ABOUT AL-HARAMAIN

The NYT reports at least some Obama figures think that the Bush dead-enders were trying to force their hand on al-Haramain.

HOLDER VOTE IN SJC NOW

There won't be any news in today's vote. Specter has cast his yes vote, Hatch is babbling on while making it clear he votes yes, too. And Leahy is just laughing about it, saying, "babble on, I know I'm going to win." (Okay, he didn't use the word, "babble."

But in case you're interested here's the committee stream.

OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE ORDER AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE LAWSUIT

Obama's EO may give us access to evidence Bush has been withholding. But it won't give us everything we need to ensure proper oversight of any and all presidential administrations.

OBAMA GITMO DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER WORKING THREAD

As I indicated in comments, I have a copy of the supposed final draft of Obama's Executive order on Guantanamo. Perhaps I will append the main

post later, but i want to get it up now. Especially since William Ockham reports that the ACLU has beat me to the punch. That is what I get for actually driving home and opening a bottle of wine for my wife I guess. Go figure.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NEW PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS ORDER

Here it is, President Obama's new Presidential Records Order!