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Thread: Patriot Act Spy Bill Extended

iStillLurk - *February 16, 2011, 7:27 pm*

The Senate voted late Tuesday to extend through May three controversial Patriot Act spy measures that were set to expire at month's end.

The 86-12 vote came a day after the House voted to extend the same provisions to Dec. 8. The fate of both bills remained unclear late Tuesday.

The action in both chambers can best be described as a Groundhog Day for the Patriot Act.

The expiring provisions at issue were set to sunset in December 2009. Congress extended the deadline until the end of February 2010 in a bid to work out compromise legislation. When that failed, lawmakers punted for a year, declaring that those measures would expire at the end of this month unless new action is taken.

President Barack Obama has said he wants the measures extended, without change, through at least 2012. The act was hastily adopted after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

Here are the extended provisions at issue:

• The "roving wiretap" provision allows the FBI to obtain wiretaps from a secret intelligence court, known as the FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) court, without identifying the target or what method of communication is to be tapped.

• The "lone wolf" measure allows FISA court warrants for the electronic monitoring of a person for whatever reason — even without showing that the suspect is an agent of a foreign power or a terrorist. The government has said it has never invoked that provision, but the Obama administration said it wanted to retain the authority to do so.

• The "business records" provision allows FISA court warrants for any type of record, from banking to library to medical, without the government having to declare that the information sought is connected to a terrorism or espionage investigation.

Source - http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/02/senate-extends-patriot-act/

krklnd - *February 16, 2011, 9:28 pm*

Not surprising. ?

[img]http://www.justiceblind.com/liberty3.gif[/img]

Quote:Anyone who trades liberty for security deserves neither liberty nor security
-Benjamin Franklin

Eternal. - *February 16, 2011, 9:31 pm*

Americans need to wake up and stop letting the government infringe upon their liberty.

JohnDoeSpirit - *February 16, 2011, 9:44 pm*
Americas about to become another Nazi Germany

Heil Amerika!

Tate - *February 16, 2011, 9:46 pm*
It's not a spy bill.. Bush instated it during war so it's acceptable. It's main cause is to stop money laundering and make home searching easier. Liberals screamed, but when Obama signed for the extension it was suddenly a good idea.

@guy above me: this is nothing like Nazi germany.

TheDude9-11 - *May 27, 2011, 8:54 am*
Pretty sure that most HF members are Americans, so this is rather scaring to see how indifferent they are about such news, being probably too busy with their Playstation and other e-toys. Of course, in the long run, prisoners don't feel any more they are in jail...

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