

WHAT DO CHRIS CHRISTIE AND JOHN ASHCROFT HAVE TO HIDE?

I kinda figured this would happen (h/t TP):

United States Attorney Christopher Christie and former Attorney General John Ashcroft will not testify in front of the House Judiciary subcommittee next week.

The hearing, which was tentatively but not officially set for Tuesday, has been postponed until next month.

The Judiciary Committee had asked Christie to testify about the lucrative federal monitoring contract he gave to John Ashcroft to oversee the medical implant company Zimmer Holdings, LLC. Christie had said he would testify if asked by the Justice Department.

Justice Department spokesman Paul Bresson did not say whether his department had asked Christie to testify, or whether they were refusing to do so.

Christie, who was a Pioneer for Bush, is one of the most ethically suspect USAs outside of Alabama. And his deal with Ashcroft already looked stinky. If they weren't worried about explaining it—or revealing the degree to which corporations have their own justice system in this country, one that works out very lucratively for people like John Ashcroft—you'd think would snap to and go testify before Sanchez' subcommittee. But they're—at best—stalling. Perhaps they're worried about having Christie under oath, or perhaps they're worried about testifying, period.

It sure does look like they're trying to avoid Congressional scrutiny, though.

And can I note the one area where the Justice Department has gotten significantly worse since Mukasey took over—its public affairs department (presumably because Brian Roehrka and the chip on his shoulder took over). Click through to see the sheer obstinence of Bresson's reply (don't want to break fair use when quoting DOJ's crappy press office).