

# SHORTER BLAGOJEVICH:

"If I have to face impeachment, then the self-imagined future Speaker of the House ought to be forced to testify, too."

In a dramatic development in the ongoing impeachment proceedings, lawyers for Gov. Rod Blagojevich want two key aides to President-elect Barack Obama and U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. to testify before the House impeachment committee.

Sources tell CBS 2 that a letter sent by Blagojevich's lawyers to committee chairman, State Rep. Barbara Currie, asks that the committee subpoena Obama's chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, senior adviser Valerie Jarrett and Jackson.

This is a smart move by Blago. Obama has already signaled he wants to protect Jarrett and Rahm (more on this in upcoming posts). So why not make Obama as uncomfortable as possible? (I intend to start counting the number of unintended consequences from Obama's crappy treatment of yesterday's report; count this as number one.)

Furthermore, this will expose a good deal of Fitz's case. Not that Obama or Jarrett or JJJ himself (as opposed to his associates) are key players in Fitz's case. But this gives Blago an opportunity to play to the press' shiny object to distract attention from the wholesale sale of government that is the core of Fitz's case.