

# ERIC HOLDER VISITS HJC

You can watch along at CSPAN3 or the Committee Stream. Republican talking point of the day seems to be that Obama's Counterterrorism approach is to have incompetent terrorists.

Nadler wastes no time to pitch his State Secrets bill. Go Nadler! "Those rules [Obama's state secrets compromise] still reserve unaccountable review to the executive."

Lungren has concerns about changing Miranda, since it was required by the Constitution, but implies he wants people to be enemy combatants instead (though that's a guess) which somehow wouldn't be unconstitutional.

Conyers tweaks Darrell Issa that Jared Polis, who was just added to the committee (along with Ted Deutsch, Wexler's replacement), has more patents than Issa does.

Issa calls for Special Prosecutor, I think to investigate Sestak's claim that the White House tried to buy him off of running against Specter.

Anthony Weiner seems to support 9/11 trials in NYC—says it has the best prosecutors. He then complains about White House funding decisions. Says the COPS program (which provides funding for police) "is not just for towns that only have minor-league baseball teams."

Maxine Waters complaining about review process for Comcast/NBC merger.

It's pretty funny that there was almost never any discussion of counterterrorism oversight on HJC under Bush Admin, given how many fearmongers on the panel.

And, after everyone gets to make a statement, we get Holder's opening statement.

WOOT! We're back.

Bobby Scott asks about statute of limitations. Where death results, Holder says there is none.

Lamar Smith trying very very hard to get Holder to say radical Islam.

Holder: AZ law raises concerns about civil rights and preemption.

Maxine Waters asks about domestic terrorism. Holder actually says domestic terrorism before he says Islamic extremism in this hearing, much to GOP chagrin. Waters follows up on domestic terrorism.

Issa: Concerned that former Admiral in Navy and US Congressman. Will you appoint a special prosecutor to investigate. What could be more serious than that this White House has offered member of Congress high appointment for getting out of race.