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Tick-Tock: House Democrats Play Politics While FISA Clock Runs Out

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Bill Shuster released the following statement calling on House Democrats to focus on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) instead of pointless politically motivated contempt resolutions against the President's former Chief of Staff Josh Bolton and attorney Harriet Meyers:

"If Congress fails to act, our ability to monitor the communications of foreign terrorists will expire. When that clock reaches zero, our intelligence services will go deaf and blind to the schemes of Al-Qaeda overseas.

House Democrats continue to argue that they haven't had enough time to properly debate FISA reform even though their Senate counterparts voted on it earlier this week. With only hours left until FISA expires, Speaker Pelosi appears totally comfortable putting our national security on the back burner in order to focus time and taxpayer money on two meritless political resolutions.

Speaker Pelosi and her leadership team are more concerned with pandering to the demands of left-wing groups like MoveOn.org and liberal bloggers who think the past actions of the President's <u>former</u> Chief of Staff and personal attorney are more dangerous than Osama bin Laden.

We cannot afford to waste any more time. It's time for Speaker Pelosi to put the partisan witch hunt aside and do what's right for America. Let's adopt the Senate FISA bill today."