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## **House Democrats Back Down, Agree to Join Fight Against Foreign Terrorists**

### ***House Acts on FISA Modernization, Must now Act on Gas Prices***

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement after the House passed a compromise between the White House and Congress to modernize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) for four years.

“Over the past 124 days, House Democrats stonewalled attempts to bring a bipartisan FISA reform bill to a vote. Their unwillingness to act denied our intelligence services the legal tools they need to monitor, collect, and exploit important foreign intelligence on terrorists.

Thankfully after months of careful negotiations, the House acted today on a long overdue modernization to the decades old Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that strikes the right balance between the need to defend our nation and the imperative of protecting our constitutional rights. In addition, this legislation includes legal protections for telecommunications companies that helped the government track foreign terrorists in the wake of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.

I am pleased the Democrats agreed to stop naming post offices for a day to actually address an important gap in our national security. It is critical now that they turn their attention to the rising cost of gasoline. Democrats must stop stonewalling and listen to Republicans and the American people who are fed up with high gas prices. We must be able to drill for our own oil and gas at home. Our nation’s financial security is at stake.”

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