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HARMAN STATEMENT ON DECISION TO BRIEF FULL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ON NSA SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON D.C. --- Rep. Jane Harman (D-Venice), Ranking Member on the House Intelligence Committee, today released the following statement about the decision by the White House to brief the full House Intelligence Committee on the NSA surveillance program:

“For five months, Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee have been pressing the Administration to comply with the National Security Act of 1947 and provide a briefing on all operational details of the NSA program to the full Committee.

“Today, the White House finally came to its senses and decided to comply with the law.

“It’s a shame that it took an endangered nomination to make this happen. To his credit, Mike Hayden was prepared to brief the full Committees when the story broke, but he was shut down by the White House.

“Congress now has the opportunity to do the vigorous oversight required by Article I of the Constitution and that the public has been clamoring for.”

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