

U.S. House of Representatives Approves Curbs to NSA Bulk Phone Collection



Washington, May 14 (RHC)-- The U.S. House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved a measure that would rein in a key NSA surveillance tactic exposed by Edward Snowden.

The USA FREEDOM Act calls for ending the bulk collection of telephone records by requiring the NSA to make specific requests to phone companies for a user's data, rather than vacuuming up all the records at once.

The vote comes just days after a federal appeals court found the bulk collection of phone records is illegal. The measure now goes to the Senate, where top Republicans are leading an effort to keep the bulk spying.

The U.S. Congress faces a June 1st deadline to reauthorize the phone records collection program before it expires.



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