

SEPTEMBER 19, 2003 SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Chief Deputy Whip, issued today's

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□ During a speech in Memphis defending provisions of the Patriot Act, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said: □

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"The charges of the hysterics are revealed for what they are: castles in the air built on misrepresentation; supported by unfounded fear; held aloft by hysteria." (Attorney General Ashcroft, Speech, 9/18/03)

□ Schakowsky said, "Americans will continue to raise questions about the Patriot Act, no matter how many speeches Attorney General Ashcroft delivers in support of the law. □ And we will work to oppose any future plans by the Bush Administration take away civil liberties and Constitutional rights. "

According to a Washington Post article (9/19/03): "More than 150 cities and three states have passed resolutions condemning the legislation as an attack on individual liberties. The House voted in July to cut off funding for "sneak-and-peek" searches, in which investigators do not immediately notify the subject that a search has been conducted." □ □

Attorney General Ashcroft has refused to respond to Congressional inquiries on implementation of the Patriot Act.

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