Digest of Director's Hearing Before the Senate Judiciary Committee March 30, 2011

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on FBI Oversight. Director Mueller was the only witness. Ten Members attended the hearing.

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PATRIOT Reauthorization: When asked if he thought it was important for all three of the expiring provisions to be reauthorized, the Director responded that all three have been integral in protecting the country from terrorist attack and should be reauthorized. The business record provision, for example, has been used over 380 times. The roving wiretap provision, which we've had on the criminal side for a number of years, has been used 190 times. He added that while the FBI has yet to use the lone wolf provision, we

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case of abuse. In response to other related questions, the Director stated that National Security Letters (NSLs) should not be subject to sunset, additional legal burdens need not be added to other provisions, and that he could not think of a single abuse that would require decreasing the delayed search notices from 30 days to seven.	

have come close and will likely be using it in the future. When asked if any of the

provisions have been subject to abuse, the Director indicated he was not aware of a single

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