

Transcript for Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment Hearing on Privacy Protection in DHS

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SIMMONS: The Homeland Security Committee's Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment will come to order.

We're meeting today at the request of the minority members of the subcommittee under House Rule 11 to receive testimony from a witness of the minority's choosing for one additional day on the subject of protection of privacy in the Department of Homeland Security intelligence enterprise.

The majority extended invitations to every witness that the minority requested, and I personally called the primary witness, Dean Parker, to secure her testimony for today. Unfortunately, none of the minority witnesses were available to attend. But, as I've expressed to my friend and colleague from California, I will continue in this effort.

LOFGREN: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that offer of collaboration.

And as we discussed briefly early today, Dean Parker has not been able to attend. And I think, since she doesn't have current knowledge, we will continue to pursue the other three witnesses which you have written to. And I look forward to working with you in securing their attendance and learning what we can.

So, at this point, I would concur that this hearing ought to be called to a halt -- or gavelled to a halt. And we will see either those three witnesses or their representatives who can speak knowledgeably for them at a future date.

And I thank you for your courtesy.

SIMMONS: I thank the ranking member for her comments. I concur in her assessment of the situation.

Having no witnesses, the subcommittee stands adjourned.