

## Castle: 2009 Intelligence Authorization Act Needs More Oversight (WILM)

Congressman Castle urged Congress to include three options for the bill, but his amendment was denied.

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Congressman Castle disapproves of congress not taking action on what he calls, critical recommendations from the 9-11 Commission for the fiscal year 2009 Intelligence Authorization Act. Speaking on the floor of the U-S House of Representatives Wednesday afternoon, Castle says, the bi-partisan 9-11 commission report and the subsequent 9-11 Public Discovery Project recommended three alternatives for reforming congressional oversight of intelligence. "These options included, establishing a joint committee on intelligence modeled after the old joint committee on atomic energy. Establishing House and Senate committees on intelligence with authorizing and appropriating authority and establishing a new appropriationson intelligence." Castle and Congressman Christopher Shays of Connecticut tried to put forth those recommendations to the rules committee by way of an amendment, but it was denied. Castle called last years efforts by Congress, nothing more than a band-aide. He says, Congress created an intelligence panel with no power or input on funding decisions.