

U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia

Excerpt from June 11, 2009 hearing on S. 372, “The Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009”:

Sen. Roland Burris (D-IL): *In one of the testimonies of the persons coming on the second panel, the witness has called for reviewing past cases and trying to find ways to make amends for some of the unfortunate situations whistleblowers have endured in the past, now what is the administration's stand on some sort of retroactive review of these cases?*

Rajesh De (Obama Administration representative, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice):

*As an initial matter, we believe this bill is just one piece of the administration's broader effort to ensure increased accountability in government, increased protections for whistleblowers, and increased transparency. Accordingly we would hope that once this bill is **even as this bill is being moved through**, we can start discussions on a range of fronts whether it has to do with the MSPB [U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board], the Office of Special Counsel, or a range of other issues of interest to this community. With respect to the retroactive consideration of cases, that's **certainly something we think should be paid attention to** and we will take it under consideration.*

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