

(Portion of statement on William Rehnquist by Alan Cranston [D-Calif]; first few words missed.)

Cranston [voice]: "... get rid of a king that was a tyrant, King George III. We wrote a constitution to provide protection for the individual citizen or a country against all-powerful government. Mr. Rehnquist has said we don't need all this, that in the matter of surveillance of citizens, wiretapping, following them around, invading their privacy in many ways, we can simply rely upon the executive branch of government to behave itself. Well, that's a statement that doesn't seem to be one that a man who understands our Constitution, and what our democracy's all about, could make."

Cranston said that Rehnquist first reaches conclusions according to the dictates of his ideology and then reasons backwards to justify those conclusions.