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NOTE: FLTAC was pleased to speak to this committee on Thursday, February 24, 2011 as part of a list of invited organizations asked to provide perspective on Florida's REAL ID Act. Our friends at Floridians Against REAL ID presented along with Jim Harper of the CATO Institute.

From the Staff of the St. Petersburg Times.....

At the first-ever meeting of the newly created House subcommittee on federal affairs today GOP members complained that the federal government is crushing state's rights, while Democratic members fought to hear both sides of the debate.

"The folks I represent are extremely concerned about the encroachment of the federal government on state's rights," said Rep. **Elizabeth Porter**, a Republican from Lake City. **Jimmie Smith**, a Republican from Inverness, said his constituents, like Porter's, are very conservative and are also concerned about the issue.

"We are looking forward to having these conversations," Smith said. "It's going to be very heated and energetic."

"If we as a state do not try to stop the federal government from overstepping their authority, which I think they are, where will it end?" said **Peter Nehr**, a Republican from Tarpon Springs. "We want to make our own decisions about how to help the citizens in our own state."

But **Luis Garcia**, a Democrat from Miami, said the committee had been created "for political reasons."

"I am a believer the that the federal government's supremacy clause does hold sway," said **Elaine Schwartz**, a Democrat from Hollywood.

Read the complete article at: <http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/content/newly-created-house-committee-federal-affairs-lashes-out-obama> (<http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/content/newly-created-house-committee-federal-affairs-lashes-out-obama>)

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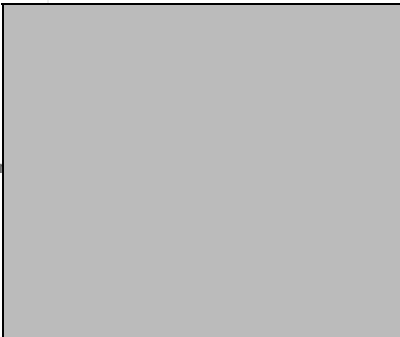
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