

Bush calls Gonzales controversy 'theater'

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CRAWFORD, Texas -- U.S. President George Bush called the controversy surrounding Attorney General Alberto Gonzales pure "political theater."

Bush took a few questions during a joint appearance with NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer at his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Bush said he still backs Gonzales.

"He has done nothing wrong," Bush said. "There's been enormous amount of attention on him. ... I, frankly, view what's taking place in Washington today as pure political theater. And it is this kind of political theater that has caused the American people to lose confidence in how Washington operates."

He urged Congress to quit wasting time and resources and "get the job done of passing legislation, as opposed to figuring out how to be actors on the political theater stage."

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