

Senate sets Gonzales no-confidence vote

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WASHINGTON - Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Friday announced a date has been set for a no-confidence vote in the Senate on Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Schumer said the vote would be held Monday, The Hill reported Friday.

"If all senators who have actually lost confidence in Attorney General Gonzales voted their conscience, this vote would be unanimous," said Schumer.

However, The Hill reported, Schumer said he expects President George W. Bush to pressure Republican senators to vote against the measure.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto called the no-confidence vote "a discredit to the Senate."

"If Sen. Schumer had a conscience he would end his political vaudeville act and let the Senate get back to work on important legislation," said Fratto in a message to The Hill.

Gonzales has been under fire on Capitol Hill because of the dismissal of at nine U.S. attorneys. Several Republicans have joined a large number of Democrats in calling on Gonzales to resign.

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