

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 845

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2004

Ms. PELOSI submitted the following resolution; which was laid on the table

RESOLUTION

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas, in May of 1999, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, by letter, admonished Representative Tom DeLay for his conduct in connection with a threat of retribution against an organization for hiring a person connected to the Democratic Party;

Whereas, on September 30, 2004, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct publicly admonished Mr. DeLay for improperly linking support for the personal interests of another Member as part of a quid pro quo to achieve a legislative goal;

Whereas, on October 6, 2004, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct publicly admonished Mr. DeLay for his participation in a fundraiser that created an appearance that donors were being provided special access to him regarding then pending energy legislation;

Whereas, on October 6, 2004, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct publicly admonished Mr. DeLay for intervening in a partisan conflict in the Texas House of Representatives using the resources of a Federal agency;

Whereas, on October 6, 2004, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, in a letter to Mr. DeLay, noted that it had found it necessary to comment on his conduct in a number of instances and reminded Mr. DeLay the “House Code of Official Conduct provides the Committee with authority to deal with any given act or accumulation of acts which, in the judgment of the Committee, are severe enough to reflect discredit on the House”;

Whereas, on October 6, 2004, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct noted that a complaint before it alleged that Mr. DeLay used TRMPAC, the Texans for a Republican Majority PAC, to funnel corporate funds to Texas State campaigns in 2002 in violation of the Texas election code, and, based on the information then in its possession, deferred action on the matter pending action by the Texas Grand Jury and the Texas District Attorney of TRMPAC’s activities;

Whereas, on October 7, 2004, a Texas newspaper reported that a newly obtained memo indicates that Mr. DeLay had personal involvement in directing some of the fundraising activities of TRMPAC for which three of Mr. DeLay’s associates have been indicted by a Texas Grand Jury; and

Whereas, in responding to the admonishments issued by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Mr. DeLay displayed contempt for that Committee, for appropriate ethical standards, and for the House of Representatives

by the public statements he made and which were made on his behalf: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Standards of Offi-
2 cial Conduct is authorized and directed to establish an In-
3 vestigative Subcommittee to determine if there is substan-
4 tial reason to believe that by his past and continuing con-
5 duct Mr. DeLay has violated the Code of Official Conduct
6 or other relevant laws, rules or regulations; and be it fur-
7 ther

8 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Standards of Offi-
9 cial Conduct retain a Special Counsel to assist in its inves-
10 tigation.

○