

## APPENDIX

### *Details on House ethics investigations, 1798-2011<sup>a</sup>*

1. 1798. Lyon – Spat on member. **Insult.**
2. 1798. Griswold and Lyon – Disorderly behavior; fisticuffs with cane/tongs, battle over Federalist party affiliation. **Insult.**
3. 1799. Lyon – Violated sedition act. **Could not classify.**
4. 1832. Stanberry – Insulted speaker. **Insult.**
5. 1832. Adams – refused to vote to censure other member (Stanberry). **Could not classify.**
6. 1836. Williams – insulted other member. **Insult.**
7. 1837. Adams – requested to present petition from slaves. **Violation of the gag rule.**
8. 1838. Graves (and Wise) – of KY – Killed member in duel over words spoken in a Debate: Wise acted as a second. **Insult.**
9. 1839. Duncan – Insulted other member. **Insult.**
10. 1842. Adams – Breach of privileges re: petition from his constituents regarding dissolution of the union. **Violation of the gag rule.**
11. 1842. Giddings – Resolution regarding slavery. **Violation of the gag rule.**
12. 1854. Colt Patent investigation – Bribery of members of Congress to secure patent. **Financial gain.**
13. 1856. Herbert – manslaughter. **Could not classify.**
14. 1856. Brooks – Assaulted Sen. Charles Sumner on Senate floor following Sumner's speech criticizing slave states. **Insult.**
15. 1856. Keitt — Complicity in assault on Senator Sumner. **Insult.**
16. 1856. Emundson - Complicity in assault on Senator Sumner. **Insult.**
17. 1857. Gilbert – Accepted money for supporting legislation. **Financial gain.**
18. 1857. Edwards – Accepted money for supporting legislation. **Financial gain.**
19. 1857. Welch – Accepted money for supporting legislation. **Financial gain.**
20. 1858. Matteson – Bribery. **Financial gain.**
21. 1861. Clark – Took up arms against the government of the US. **Support for Confederacy.**
22. 1861. Reid – Took up arms against the government of US. **Support for Confederacy.**
23. 1861. Burnett – Took up arms against the government of US. **Support for Confederacy.**
24. 1864. Long – Supported recognition of the independence of Confederacy in floor speech. **Support for Confederacy.**
25. 1864. Harris – During debate on resolution to expel Rep Long, encouraged the confederacy. **Support for Confederacy.**
26. 1866. Chanler - Proposed resolution supporting presidential veto. **Opposed reconstruction legislation.**
27. 1866. Rousseau – Assaulted with cane another member for alleged insult spoken during debate. **Insult.**
28. 1867. Hunter – Insulted member during debate. **Insult.**

29. 1868. Wood – Described Reconstruction legislation as monstrosity. **Opposed reconstruction legislation.**
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30. 1869. Holbrook - Stated in debate that another member made false assertions. **Insult.**
31. 1870. Whittemore – Sold appointments to military academies. **Financial gain.**
32. 1870. Deweese – Accepted money to recommend appointment. **Financial gain.**
33. 1870. Butler – Accepted money to recommend appointment. **Financial gain.**
34. 1873. Ames – Sold stock to Members of Congress and officials of the executive branch at undervalued price with intent to influence votes and decisions. **Financial gain.**
35. 1873. Brooks – Solicited and accepted railroad stock shares at undervalued price. **Financial gain.**
36. 1875. Brown – insulted member in debate, lied to speaker. **Insult.**
37. 1876. King and Schumaker. **Financial gain.**
38. 1876. Hays – Accepted money to nominate individual to military academy. **Financial gain.**
39. 1876. Blaine – Profited from position as Speaker by selling worthless bonds to railroad company. **Financial gain.**
40. 1878. Smalls – Accepted bribe. **Financial gain.**
41. 1883. Voorhis – Violated privileges of the House by insulting other member. **Insult.**
42. 1884. Kellogg. **Financial gain.**
43. 1890. Bynum – Insulted other member during debate. **Insult.**
44. 1908. Lilley – Contempt of House; made false charges of corruption regarding other member. **Could not classify.**
45. 1914. Mcdermott – Bribery charges. **Financial gain.**
46. 1921. Blanton – inserted in a document in Cong record containing indecent and obscene language. **Could not classify.**
47. 1924. Langley and Zilhman – sums of money paid to these members. **Financial gain.**
48. 1926. Langley – **Financial gain.**
49. 1967. Powell – Used committee travel funds for personal travel, government payments to wife. **Financial gain.**
50. 1969. Investigation into voting discrepancies; members out of town recorded as having voted. **Could not classify.**
51. 1971. Dowdy – Bribery, conspiracy. **Financial gain.**
52. 1975. Harrington – Disclosure of executive session testimony. **Could not classify.**
53. 1976. Sikes – Improper financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
54. 1976. Hays – Sexual relations with employee, retained on payroll for sexual purposes. **Sexual gain.**
55. 1976. Hinshaw – State bribery charges. **Financial gain.**
56. 1976. Investigation concerning unauthorized publication of intelligence committee report. **Could not classify.**
57. 1977. Foley. **Financial gain.**
58. 1978. Patten – Political contribution with funds provided by another. **Political gain.**
59. 1978. Wilson – Gifts from businessman. **Financial gain.**

60. 1978. McFall – Failed to report campaign contribution. **Political gain.**
61. 1978. Roybal – failed to report campaign contribution, converted campaign funds to personal use. **Mixed political and financial gain.**
62. 1978. Eilberg – Conflict of interest; helped hospital receive federal grant. **Financial gain.**
63. 1979. Diggs – Mail fraud. **Financial gain.**
64. 1979. Iran investigation – Bribery and blackmail of members of Congress by former Iranian ambassador. **Financial gain.**
65. 1979. Boner. **Financial gain.**
66. 1980. Flood – Used official influence on behalf of private parties and foreign governments in return for unlawful payments. **Financial gain.**
67. 1980. South Africa investigation. **Financial gain.**
68. 1980. Voting anomalies – votes recorded in name of member not there. **Could not classify.**
69. 1980. Wilson – Accepted money from person with direct interest in legislation; improperly use of payroll; personal use of campaign funds. **Financial gain.**
70. 1980. Myers – Bribery, conspiracy and Travel Act violations. **Financial gain.**
71. 1980. Jenrette – Bribery and conspiracy. **Financial gain.**
72. 1980. Thompson. **Financial gain.**
73. 1981. Lederer – Bribery, acceptance of illegal gratuity, conspiracy and Travel Act violations. **Financial gain.**
74. 1981. Murtha – Bribery and conspiracy. **Financial gain.**
75. 1982. Richmond – Evading federal taxes, misdemeanors involving federal contract. **Financial gain.**
76. 1982-83. Sex and Drugs investigation – Investigation of improper sexual conduct, illicit use or distribution of drugs and preferential treatment of House employees. **Sexual gain and drugs.**
77. 1983. Studds – Sexual relationship with 17-year old House page. **Sexual gain**
78. 1983. Crane – Sexual relationship with 17-year old House page. **Sexual gain.**
79. 1983. Yesh (Majority Assistant Cloakroom Manager) – Sold and used cocaine; used marijuana and cocaine with House pages. **Drugs.**
80. 1983. Beattie (Doorkeeper's Office) – Sold and used cocaine. **Drugs.**
81. 1983. Howarth (Supervisor of House page) – Sexual relationship with House page; use of drugs and preferential treatment of employee. **Sexual gain.**
82. 1983. Wilson – Used cocaine and marijuana. **Drugs.**
83. 1983. Dellums – Used cocaine and marijuana. **Drugs.**
84. 1983. Apperson (Congressional aide) – Used cocaine. **Drugs.**
85. 1983. Preliminary inquiry against a legislative assistant. **Drugs.**
86. 1983. Improper alterations of House documents – Unauthorized changes to text of hearing transcripts and other official documents. **Political gain.**
87. 1983. Goldwater – **Drugs.**
88. 1984. Hansen – Failed to report loans and profits. **Financial gain.**
89. 1984. Ferrarro – Improper financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
90. 1985. Investigation of Alleged Improper Political Solicitation/political fundraising letter. **Political gain.**
91. 1985. Coelho – **Political gain.**

92. 1985. Andrews – **Political gain.**
93. 1985. Feighan – **Political gain.**
94. 1986. Daniel - Free flights on corporate aircraft. **Financial gain.**
95. 1986. Sweeney – Using office resources for political purposes, Congressional staff required to campaign as condition of continued employment. **Political gain.**
96. 1986. Weaver – Campaign funds used for personal use, inadequate financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
97. 1986. St Germain – Improper gifts, improper intervention on behalf of organization in which he had a financial interest, inadequate financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
98. 1987. Oakar – Purchased townhouse with member of staff, improper salary disbursements to employee. **Financial gain.**
99. 1987. Stallings – Improper use of campaign funds; loan to employee. **Could not classify.**
100. 1987. Boner – Violations of gift rule, improper use of campaign funds, conflict of interest, improper use of official resources. **Financial gain.**
101. 1987. Murphy – Misused public funds, allowed other to cast his votes, diverting government property from Congressional office for use by his law firm. **Financial gain.**
102. 1989. Rose – Borrowed campaign funds for personal use and inadequate financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
103. 1988. Biaggi – Convicted of accepting illegal gratuities, accepted free vacations in exchange for using influence. **Financial gain.**
104. 1988. Sunia and Iuli – Conspiracy to defraud the government (authorized salary disbursements to ghost employees and used funds to pay personal and political expenses). **Mixed political and financial gain.**
105. 1988. Swindall – Lied about transaction he almost made that allegedly involved drug money. **Perjury.**
106. 1988. Ford – Fraud and influence buying. **Financial gain.**
107. 1989. Wright – Improper lobbying efforts, improper intervention in a matter before federal agency, improper use of campaign funds, improper use of government resources, improper gifts and exercise of undue influence with federal agency officials. **Mixed political and financial gain.**
108. 1989. Bates – Sexual harassment and improper campaign activity in congressional office. **Sexual gain and political gain.**
109. 1990. Garcia – Conspiracy of Travel act (receipt of payments, loan, jewelry), bribery and illegal receipt of gratuities. **Financial gain.**
110. 1990. Savage – Improper sexual advances to Peace Corps volunteer. **Sexual gain.**
111. 1990. Gingrich – Used consultants paid by his political action committee in minority whip's office; attempt to avoid outside income limits, improper use of official resources, inadequate financial disclosure. **Mixed political and financial gain.**
112. 1990. Frank – Use of personal residence for prostitution, improper contacts on behalf of personal assistant, sexual activity in the House gymnasium **Sexual gain.**
113. 1990. Lukens – Sex with underage woman, improper sexual advances. **Sexual gain.**
114. 1991-92 - House Bank Scandal. Bouncing of checks without penalty by numerous members. **Financial gain.**
115. 1992. Mavroules –Bribery, extortion, tax fraud, improper financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**

116. 1992-94. House Post Office – Investigation by US attorney into allegations that clerk stole money from House post office and distributed narcotics, investigation of members trading stamps for cash. **Financial gain.**
117. 1994. Gingrich – Issues with financing of his college course, use of office equipment to prepare the course, and providing special access to a funder of his course. **Mixed financial and political gain.**
118. 1994. Rostenkowski – Mail fraud, wire fraud, embezzlement, witness tampering and false statement. **Financial gain.**
119. 1994. Frost – Alleged that he used congressional staff for redistricting work, campaign contributions by congressional staff. **Political gain.**
120. 1995. Gingrich – Book contract, alleged improper receipt of royalties, not subjecting royalty to outside earned income limit, and improper use of official resources. **Financial gain.**
121. 1995. Gingrich – Improper used services of volunteer for official purposes. **Political gain.**
122. 1995. Gingrich - Free cable coverage of college lectures (improper gifts/solicitation). **Financial gain.**
123. 1995-98. Gingrich – Violation of laws governing tax exempt organizations, improper intervention with government agencies, receipt of improper personal benefits from a PAC and violation of campaign finance laws. **Mixed financial and political gain.**
124. 1995. Arney – Improper use of cong stationary by outside group. **Political gain.**
125. 1995. Reynolds – Misuse of Congressional staff and office resources, failure to repay personal debts, obstruction of justice, criminal sex assault. **Sexual gain.**
126. 1995. Wilson – Improper use of campaign funds and inadequate financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
127. 1995. Tucker – Extortion, tax evasion. **Financial gain.**
128. 1996. McIntosh – Document displayed on House floor that used facsimile of outside organization’s letterhead, plus improper questioning of witness regarding observance of religious holiday. **Political gain.**
129. 1996. Gingrich – Improperly used services of volunteer in congressional office. **Political gain.**
130. 1996 – Torricelli – Used Congressional fax machine to send a press release having political purposes. **Political gain.**
131. 1996. Zimmer – Used congressional fax machine for non-official purpose. **Financial gain.**
132. 1996. Bonior – Use of congressional employees on his book, improper salary. **Financial gain.**
133. 1996. Solomon – Sent letter implying possible retaliation against NY state assemblyman for political disagreement. **Political gain.**
134. 1996. McDermott – Alleged conflict of interest (participated in committee deliberations involving complaints filed with help of person affiliated with his PAC) and violation of ethics committee confidentiality rules in the Newt Gingrich case. **Political gain.**
135. 1996. Gingrich – Improper use of services of volunteer in Congressional office. **Political gain.**
136. 1996. Gephardt – Inadequate personal financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**

137. 1996. Collins – Misused official resources, campaign resources and scholarship funds. **Financial gain.**
138. 1997. DeLay – Giving the impression that campaign contributions would bring official action or access, and improper favors for a lobbyist. **Political gain.**
139. 1998. Kim – Campaign finance violations (knowingly accepted illegal corporate and foreign contributions). **Political gain.**
140. 1996-2000. Shuster – Violated House gift rule, improper use of official resources, improper campaign work, intervened with federal agencies on behalf of constituent. **Mixed financial and political gain.**
141. 2000. Brown – Improper gifts. **Financial gain.**
142. 2001. Hilliard – Improper loans by campaign committee, improper use of campaign funds and improper personal financial disclosure. **Financial gain.**
143. 2001. Buyer – Improper use of official resources for political purposes. **Political gain.**
144. 2002. Traficant – Violation of federal bribery and gratuity statutes, obstruction of justice, defrauding the government, racketeering and tax evasion. **Financial gain.**
145. 2004. Investigation into allegations related to voting on Medicare prescription bill (several members including Tom DeLay). **Political gain.**
146. 2004. DeLay – Solicitation and receipt of campaign contributions in return for legislative assistance, use of corporate political contributions in violation of state law, and improper use of official resources for political purposes. **Political gain.**
147. 2004. Bell – Filing of improper complaint in violation of committee rule governing complaints. **Could not classify.**
148. 2004. McCarthy – Conversion of campaign funds to personal use. **Financial gain.**
149. 2004. McDermott – Improper disclosure of contents of intercepted cell phone call to news media. **Could not classify.**
150. 2006. Investigation of allegations related to improper conduct involving members and current or former house pages. **Sexual gain.**
151. 2009. Graves – Invited individual with whom his wife had a mutual investment to testify before House committee, creating potential conflict of interest. **Financial gain.**
152. 2010. Stark- Improperly receiving properly tax credit in state of Maryland. **Financial gain.**
153. 2010. Investigation into improper travel provided as a gift to six members. **Financial gain.**
154. 2010. Investigation into seven members of Congress regarding the connection between earmarks for the Magliocchetti lobbying group and campaign contributions to the members. **Political gain.**
155. 2010. Richardson – Improper gift and preferential treatment from bank that was loaning her money. **Financial gain.**
156. 2010. Rangel – Failure to file accurate financial disclosure and federal tax returns, failure to pay taxes on overseas, rental property, use of rent-controlled apartment for his campaign committees, improper solicitation of donations for college center in his name. **Mixed financial and political gain.**
157. 2010. Investigation into improper retention of excess per diem funds for official travel by six members. **Financial gain.**

158. 2011. Investigation into connection between vote on Wall Street/consumer protection bill and campaign contributions to three members; alleged special access. **Political gain.**
159. 2011. Gutierrez – Failure to obey lawful order of police officer during a political protest. **Other.**
160. 2011. Schmidt – Improper financial disclosure, improper use of campaign funds and legal defense fund to pay for legal services. **Financial gain.**
161. 2011. Collins – Senior staff member investigated for improper outside income and failure to report that income. **Financial gain.**
162. 2011. Hill - Senior staff member investigated for improper outside income and failure to report that income. **Financial gain.**
163. 2011. Young – Improper contributions to his legal defense fund. **Financial gain.**

Sources: Congressional Quarterly, *Congressional Ethics: History, Facts and Controversy* (Washington D.C.: CQ Press, 1992); Dennis Thompson, *Ethics in Congress* (Washington D.C.: Brookings, 1995), 187-190; U.S. House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, “Historical Summary of Conduct Cases in the House of Representatives, 1798-2004” (2012), <http://ethics.house.gov/publication/historical-summary>, accessed November 30, 2012; U.S. House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, “Summary of Activities” for 109<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses, <http://ethics.house.gov/reports/summary-activities>, accessed December 2, 2012; “Congressional Bad Boys,” <http://www.congressionalbadboys.com/Ethics7.htm>, Accessed July 21, 2011.

a: Categorization of cases with no detail provided in the Appendix was based on the classification by Thompson, *Ethics in Congress*. He classified these as either political or financial gain.