

At a time of extraordinary challenge in America, the Republican Party promised to deliver much needed assistance to the American people. Instead, they came to Washington and can't finish a week of business without violating the Constitution and betraying the public's trust.

After hosting an exclusive high-priced fundraiser for supporters at the W Hotel on Tuesday night, the Republican majority gathered on the House Floor Thursday morning to read the Constitution aloud. Yet two of the Republican Members to partake in the reading couldn't follow the most basic of constitutional duties: being sworn-in. When this was revealed, the Republican majority threw their promises of transparency and accountability out the window and attempted to fix the Constitutional violation with a total of 4 minutes of debate.

Despite their efforts to fix the issue and forget it, there continue to be questions about the nature of the event Rep. Sessions and Rep. Fitzgerald were attending. I urge the Republican majority to use their investigative powers to clarify the circumstances surrounding the issue, and take any steps necessary to enforce the ethics of the US House of Representatives. We must not return to the Abramoff age of ethics violations being hidden from public view.