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Tom DeLay & Admonishment

MYTH:

Tom DeLay statement from this afternoon: "I have done nothing wrong. I have violated no law, no regulation, no rule of the House. I have done nothing unlawful, unethical, or, I might add, unprecedented..."

FACT:

Tom DeLay holds the dubious distinction of being the most admonished member of Congress ever. He was admonished by the House Ethics Committee on three occasions within one week during the 108th Congress. for:

- 1) His participation in and facilitation of an energy company golf fundraiser at The Homestead resort for his leadership PACs on June 2-3, 2002. Those actions were objectionable under House standards of conduct because, at a minimum, they created an appearance that donors were being provided special access to him regarding the then-pending energy legislation.
- 2) His intervention in a partisan conflict in the Texas House of Representatives using the resources of the Federal Aviation Administration. This action raised serious concerns under House standards of conduct that preclude use of governmental resources for a political undertaking.
- 3) His offer to endorse Representative Smith's son in exchange for Representative Smith's vote in favor of the Medicare bill. The Ethics Committee concluded that it is improper for DeLay to link support for the personal interests of another member as apart of a quid pro quo to achieve a legislative goal.

Tom DeLay: He'll say anything to save himself.

