

March 30, 2006 - Republicans Reveal Ethics Reform Hypocrisy

With No-Vote on House Ethics Investigation, Republicans Reveal Ethics Reform Hypocrisy

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today issued the following statement after Republicans in the House voted down a resolution authored by Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-8) calling for an immediate House investigation into the scandals surrounding disgraced former GOP-lobbyist Jack Abramoff:

"Once again, Republicans are talking out of both sides of their mouth," Rep. Slaughter said. "At the same time they claim to have seen the light on ethics reform, they are doing everything they can to hide the people who dragged us into this shameful mess," she said.

"How can we even pretend they are interested in curing Congress when they won't let us uncover the scope of the problem?" Rep. Slaughter said. "With this vote, they've shown their true colors."

Rep. Pelosi's resolution resolved that "the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall immediately initiate an investigation of the misconduct by Members of Congress and their staff implicated in the scandals associated with Mr. Jack Abramoff's criminal activity."