Ethics Complaints filed Against Texas Legislators

Ethics complaints were filed against the below named Texas State Senators and/or House members with the Texas Ethics Commission on Feb. 25, 2008. Verbatim copies of the complaints can be found in alphabetical order below.

The only difference between the actual complaints filed with the Commission and what you'll see below are the inclusion of appropriate images and/or photos, which are designed to highlight the frivolity of the stated misconduct.

In addition to the filing with the Ethics Commission, ethics complaints were also filed at the same time with the local grievance committee of the Texas State Bar regarding the attorneys named herein. Out of the 16 complaints filed in this initial filing, nine (9) of the miscreants are attorneys. Are you surprised? It would appear that the most difficult course taught at Texas Law Schools is Ethics 101. Copies of these complaints can be found by clicking onto "Watchdawg's Attorney Ethics Complaints v. Texas Legislators" on my homepage.

I have also sent letters to the legislators named below, copies of which can be seen by clicking onto "Watchdawg's letters to Unethical Texas Legislators" on my homepage.

In addition to the above referenced filings, I've filed a complaint with Ronnie Earl, Chief District Attorney for Travis County (Austin) as it relates to what appears to be on its face criminal conduct. The letter to Mr. Earl can found by clicking onto 'Watchdawg's Complaint Letter to Ronnie Earl' on my homepage.

And lastly, based on the corruption I've uncovered to date in regards to the unethical and/or illegal spending of campaign funds in Texas, Ohio, California and Louisiana (there's more), I've decided to publish a book titled: "Legislative Misfits" within the next several months, which will be an offshoot to some degree of my first book titled "Judicial Misfits – A factual expose of an Industry answerable only to itself," which is now available on Amazon.com.

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Bonnen's expenditure of campaign funds "for food and necessities" for his Austin rental (apartment) are clearly prohibited unless he claims that he has never ate anything while residing in Angleton.

- 1. Target, 20070107,1045.44, Food and necessities for Austin rental
- 2. Wal-Mart, 20070108,755.59, Necessities for Austin rental
- 3. Wal-Mart, 20070526,26.40, Necessities for Austin rental
- 4. Target, 20050109,276.09, Necessities for Austin rental
- 5. Randall's, 20050109,67.46, Necessities for Austin rental
- 6. CVS Pharmacy, 20050528, 15.12, Necessities for Austin rental
- 7. Reid's Cleaners, Austin 20070125,99.04, Suit cleaning
- 8. Reid's Cleaners, Austin 20070214,31.12, Suit cleaning
- 9. Reid's Cleaners, Austin 20050125,25.86, Dry cleaning for suits/ties

Christian, Walter – Rep. Center

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One would like to think that in the past, Christian purchased "cleaning supplies" for his home in Center, Texas, right? If not, I

don't think I would accept an invitation to his home, would you?

- 1. Target, 20070709, 56.28, Session Living exp
- 2. Breed & Co, 20070127, 18.31, Session Apt
- 3. Family Thrift, 20070124, 35.25, Session Apt
- 4. Radio shack, 20070108, 21.61, Session Apt
- 5. Radio shack, 20070126, 5.40, Session Apt
- 6. Saver's, 20070124, 25.94, Session Apt
- 7. Target, 20070109,13.81, Cleaning supplies for Session Apt
- 8. Target, 20070125,45.10, Supplies for Apt
- 9. Frontgate Catalog, 20061114, 307.95, Austin Apt furnishing
- 10. Marshal's, 20061120, 134.02, apt furnishing
- 11. QT, 20061120, 56.33, Apt furnishings
- 12. UC Show Sales, 20061119, 22.00, Apt furnishings

Deuell, Bob – Senate 2nd District– Greenville

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Hey man, gotta save when you can, right?

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legislator would incur meal costs whether or not he was required to reside in Austin."

Deuell's expenditure of campaign funds "for meals, food, groceries and beverages" for his Austin rental (apartment) are clearly prohibited.

- 1. Whole Foods, 20070107, 47.38, food and beverage for Austin residence
- 2. Whole Foods, 20070125, 56.44, meals / food for Austin residence
- 3. Whole Foods, 20070331, 53.72, meals / food for Austin residence
- 4. Whole Foods, 20070413, 38.53, meals / food for Austin residence
- 5. Whole Foods, 20070506, 25.97, meals / food for Austin
- 6. Whole Foods, 20070514, 26.31, meals / food for Austin residence
- 7. Whole Foods, 20070515, 14.94, meals / food for Austin residence
- 8. Whole Foods, 20070518, 18.19, meals / food for Austin residence
- 9. Whole Foods, 20070524, 27.83, meals / food for Austin residence
- 10. Walmart, 20041203, 45.24, Grocery
- 11. Whole Foods, 20041101,111.79, Grocery
- 12. Target, 20050114, 8.38, Austin Residence supplies

Driver, Joe - 113th District Rep. – Garland

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- 1. 01/11/2007 \$153.72 Apt. lodging supplies
- 2. 01/11/2007 \$240.60 Gift and Austin apt. supplies
- 3. 02/19/2007 \$88.50 Apt. lodging supplies
- 4. 01/09/2005 \$247.54 food/supplies for Austin apt.
- 5. 02/05/2005 \$60.81 bathroom accessories for Austin apt.
- 6. 02/05/2005 \$52.99 food/supplies for Austin apt.
- 7. 02/05/2005 \$88.92 picture frames/pharmacy items for Austin apt.
- 8. 03/08/2005 \$104.80 food/supplies for Austin apt.
- 9. 05/01/2005 \$63.89 food/supplies for Austin apt.
- 10. 03/25/2005 \$312.39 Bed linens for Austin apt.
- 11. 01/12/2003 \$125.15 for apartment stuff
- 12. 01/13/2003 \$115.73 food/supplies for Austin apt.
- 13. 03/31/2003 \$116.68 for apartment stuff
- 14. 05/13/2003 \$72.03 for apartment stuff
- 15. 01/15/2003 \$100.00 apartment food
- 16. 03/04/2001 \$77.34 food/toiletries for Austin apt.
- 17. 03/26/2001 \$65.76 food/toiletries for Austin apt.
- 18. 05/05/2001 \$69.34 food/toiletries for Austin apt.
- 19. 01/13/2001 \$114.73 supplies/food for Austin apt.

Although Joey may escape liability for unlawfully billing his campaign for the food/toiletries that he purchased in 2001 and 2003, I included said expenditures in order to establish that he habitually violates the Ethics laws.

Personal damages to Austin Condo Rental

➤ Gables Town LakeAustin,TX,78703,20050805,1465.54,Damages

Clearly this expenditure would appear to be improper because any damages caused to the apartment would likely have been of a personal nature, which would be no different if the damages took place at Driver's home in Garland.

Luckily I found a photo (shown below) of the condition Joe left the apartment in. You'd think that since he's an insurance agent, he would have known better, right?



Frost, Stephen – Rep. 1st District – Atlanta, Texas

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Frost's expenditures for groceries, cooking supplies, food and cleaning supplies clearly violates Texas law. Ditto for his use of campaign funds to pay for dry cleaning while in Austin.

Groceries/Personal items for Austin Apt.

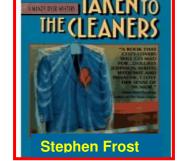
- 1. Target,20070116,89.58,groceries and cooking supplies
- 2. Target,20050118,90.81, supplies for living in Austin during session
- 3. Dillards, 20050118, 136, 78, supplies for living in Austin during session
- 4. Dillards,20050118,217.03, supplies for living in Austin during session
- 5. Wal Mart, 20050125, 39.45, personal items need for stay in Austin
- 6. HEB,20050127,68.48,food for apartment in Austin
- 7. HEB,20050210,104.39,food and cleaning supplies for apartment in Austin
- 8. HEB,20050316,105.39,food and cleaning supplies for apartment in Austin

Dry Cleaning expenses while in Austin

- 1. Hangers Routes, 20050211, 10.77, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 2. Hangers Routes, 20050228, 17.42, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 3. Hangers Routes, 20050314, 15.53, Dry Cleaning while in session



- 5. Hangers Routes, 20050329, 7.57, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 6. Hangers Routes, 20050411, 10.77, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 7. Hangers Routes, 20050420, 5.67, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 8. Hangers Routes, 20050502, 5.68, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 9. Hangers Routes, 20050511, 9.60, Dry Cleaning while in session
- 10. Hangers Routes, 20050523, 6.30, Dry Cleaning while in session



It would appear that Frosty's legal training (he's a lawyer) wasn't up to snuff since its apparent he lacks the legal acumen to appreciate and understand the ethics rules/laws cited above. I suppose a remedial

course in Ethics 101 would be an exercise in futility, right?

Linda, Brown-Harper – Rep. 135th – Irving

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§254.031 of Title 15 of the Election Code – General Contents of Reports (campaign expense) states:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, each report filed under this chapter must include:
- (3) the amount of political expenditures that in the aggregate exceed \$50 and that are made during the reporting period, the full name and address of the persons to whom the expenditures are made, and the dates *and purposes of the expenditures*.

Due to the fact that Jesse failed to comply with the requirement that he provide the "purpose" of 66 expenses paid to Southwest Airlines and his prior conduct in illegally billing for commuting purposes, it would appear that that the below expenses may well be for commuting purposes.

There can be no dispute that Linda violated the law by using campaign funds to pay for food and undisclosed "supplies" for her Austin apartment from 2003 through Dec. 2006. Moreover, her conduct in failing to disclose the purpose for 45 purchases of "food" and "supplies" Jan. 2005 through July 2007 would clearly indicate that many of these expenditures were for unlawful payment for Austin apartment supplies/food.

Linda also failed to provide and detail as to the "purpose" of numerous (118) expenditures to purchase books, gifts and lodging, which also violates Texas reporting laws.

Austin Apartment Supplies/Food

- 1. Target 20061229 84.31 Austin Apt. Supplies
- 2. 01-07-05 paid \$129.30 Target for Austin apartment supplies
- 3. 01-15-05 paid \$200.00 Target for Austin apartment supplies
- 4. 01-23-05 paid \$124.98 Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin Apt.
- 5. 01-28-05 paid \$554.24 YLR in Austin for Austin apartment supplies
- 6. 02-06-05 paid \$27.95 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 7. 02-13-05 paid \$55.07 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 8. 03-06-05 paid \$78.00 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 9. 03-26-05 paid \$45.17 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 10. 04-23-05 paid \$56.82 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 11. 05-01-05 paid \$51.56 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 12. 05-08-05 paid \$44.50 to Wal-Mart for food
- 13. 06-11-05 paid \$18.95 to Wal-mart for food
- 14. 06-18-05 paid \$73.03 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin

- 15. 06-27-05 paid \$15.86 to Wal-Mart for food
- 16. 06-27-05 paid \$59.66 to Albertson's for food/supplies for Austin
- 17. 12-10-04 paid \$95.26 to Target for Austin supplies
- 18. 12-14-04 paid \$285.62 Linen N Things for Austin supplies
- 19. 01-12-03 paid \$211.55 Albertson's for food for Austin
- 20. 01-26-03 paid \$41.73 Albertson's for food for Austin
- 21. 05-17-03 paid \$149.98 to Albertson's in Irving for food for Austin
- 22. 08-11-03 paid \$61.68 to Target in Austin for Austin supplies

Food/Grocery purchases – No detail as to purpose

- 1. SAM'S CLUB,20070722,63.28,FOOD/SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 2. SAM'S CLUB,20070930,29.42,FOOD/SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 3. SAM'S CLUB,20071017,92.55,FOOD/SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 4. WALMART,20070827,63.45,GROCERIES
- 5. HEB GROCERY, 20070116, 126.73, FOOD
- HEB GROCERY,20070225,5.40,FOOD
- 7. HEB GROCERY, 20070226, 9.05, FOOD
- 8. HEB GROCERY,20070402,30.73,FOOD
- 9. HEB GROCERY,20070426,15.00,FOOD
- 10. HEB GROCERY, 20070503, 9.82, FOOD
- 11. HEB GROCERY, 20070505, 10.61, FOOD
- 12. RANDALLS,20070311,4.93,FOOD
- 13. RANDALLS,20070318,28.00,FOOD
- 14. RANDALLS, 20070325, 36.71, FOOD
- 15. RANDALLS,20070517,52.26,FOOD
- 16. SAMS CLUB, 20070317, 131.62, SUPPLIES/FOOD
- 17. Sams Club ,20070325,76.28,SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 18. SAMS CLUB, 20070407, 125.40, SUPPLIES/FOOD
- 19. SAM'S CLUB,20070608,22.54,FOOD/SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 20. WHOLE FOODS, 20070110, 198.82, FOOD
- 21. WHOLE FOODS, 20070205, 169.35, FOOD
- 22. WHOLE FOODS, 20070221, 184.66, FOOD
- 23. WHOLE FOODS, 20070311, 238.14, FOOD
- 24. WHOLE FOODS, 20070407, 231.71, FOOD
- 25. ALBERTSONS AUSTIN, 20060509, 48.92, FOOD
- 26. ALBERTSONS AUSTIN, 20060511, 13.44, FOOD
- 27. HEB GROCERY, 20060302, 69.07, FOOD
- 28. WHOLE FOODS, 20060130, 28.02, FOOD
- 29. WHOLE FOODS, 20060207, 67.08, FOOD
- 30. WHOLE FOODS, 20060221, 57.41, FOOD
- 31. WHOLE FOODS.20060307.59.80.FOOD
- 32. WHOLE FOODS, 20060419, 37.13, FOOD
- 33. WHOLE FOODS, 20060419, 4.60, FOOD
- 34. WHOLE FOODS, 20060501, 52.75, FOOD
- 35. WHOLE FOODS, 20060504, 97.76, FOOD
- 36. WHOLE FOODS, 20050717, 94.25, FOOD
- 37. ALBERTSONS, 20050423, 56.82, FOOD/SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 38. WALMART, 20050611, 18.95, FOOD
- 39. ALBERTSONS, 20050618, 73.03, FOOD/SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 40. WALMART, 20050627, 15.86, FOOD
- 41. WALMART, 20050508, 44.50, FOOD
- 42. WHOLE FOODS, 20050411, 42.32, FOOD
- 43. WHOLE FOODS, 20050413, 101.75, FOOD
- 44. WHOLE FOODS, 20050615, 41.58, FOOD

Supply purchases – No detail as to purpose

- 1. SAMS CLUB.20071019.16.93.SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 2. CVS PHARMACY,20070112,10.00,SUPPLIES
- 3. CVS PHARMACY,78745,20070307,83.85,SUPPLIES
- 4. CVS PHARMACY,20070524,52.62,SUPPLIES
- 5. LOWES,20070626,65.81,SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 6. SAMS CLUB, 20070112, 8.75, SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 7. SAMS CLUB,20070112,74.32,SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 8. SAMS CLUB,20070119,204.62,SUPPLIES
- 9. SAMS CLUB,20070130,27.52,SUPPLIES
- 10. SAMS CLUB,20070224,85.99,SUPPLIES SAMS CLUB,20070226,57.17,SUPPLIES AUSTIN
- 11. SAM'S CLUB,20060824,81.90,SUPPLIES
- 12. SAM'S CLUB,20060826,48.54,SUPPLIES
- 13. SAM'S CLUB, 20060424, 182.17, SUPPLIES
- 14. SAM'S CLUB,20060630,260.79,SUPPLIES

Book purchases – No detail as to purpose

- 1. BARNES AND NOBLE, 20070915, 74.48, BOOKS
- 2. BARNES AND NOBLE, 20071024, 142.91, BOOKS
- 3. BORDERS BOOKS,20071103,112.58,BOOKS
- 4. AMAZON.COM,20060109,13.94,BOOKS
- 5. AMAZON.COM,,,,, ,20060119,27.09,BOOKS
- 6. AMAZON.COM,20060131,20.28,BOOKS
- 7. AMAZON.COM,20060207,19.60,BOOKS
- 8. AMAZON.COM,20060216,19.60,BOOKS
- 9. AMAZON.COM,20060220,7.93,BOOKS
- 10. AMAZON.COM,20060307,54.45,BOOKS

Gift purchases – No detail as to purpose

- CAPITOL GIFT SHOP,20070717,168.76,GIFTS
- 2. CAPITOL GIFT SHOP,20071206,333.62,GIFTS
- 3. CRACKER BARREL,20070827,135.24,FOOD/GIFTS\n
- 4. CRACKER BARREL, 20071105, 172.88, FOOD/GIFTS
- TARGET DALLAS, 20071116, 69.22, GIFTS
- 6. CRACKER BARREL,20070302,58.17,FOOD/GIFTS\n
- 7. CRACKER BARREL,20070422,34.62,FOOD/GIFTS\n
- 8. CRACKER BARREL DESOTO, 20070302, 105.83, EASTER GIFTS AUSTIN
- 9. CRACKER BARREL,20060109,47.67,FOOD/GIFTS\n
- 10. CRACKER BARREL,20060222,61.30,FOOD/GIFTS\n
- 11. MACY DEPARTMENT STORES,20060313,60.77,GIFT
- 12. MACY DEPARTMENT STORES, 20060322, 128.66, GIFTS
- 13. WORLD MARKET, 20051217, 133.89, CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- 14. BARNES AND NOBLE, 20050701, 256.89, BOOKS
- 15. BARNES AND NOBLE, 20050717, 144.84, BOOKS
- 16. BARNES AND NOBLE,20050830,72.94,BOOKS
- 17. LIFE WAY CHRISTIAN STORE, 20050830, 76.36, BOOKS

Lodging Expenses – No detail as to purpose

1. OMNI HOTEL,20070305,259.16,LODGING

- 2. OMNI HOTEL,20061114,136.08,LODGING
- 3. OMNI HOTEL, 20061116, 97.75, LODGING
- 4. THE DRISKELL HOTEL, 20060728, 129.35, LODGING
- 5. Holiday Inn Express AUSTIN, 20060426, 140.00, LODGING
- 6. Holiday Inn Express AUSTIN, 20060428, 280.00, LODGING
- 7. Holiday Inn Express AUSTIN, 20060506, 280.00, LODGING
- 8. Holiday Inn Express AUSTIN, 20060514, 350.00, LODGING
- 9. MANSIONS AT JUDGES HILL,20060202,286.99,LODGING
- 10. OMNI HOTEL, 20060110, 151.36, LODGING
- 11. OMNI HOTEL,20060308,102.85,LODGING
- 12. OMNI HOTEL,20060308,97.75,LODGING
- 13. OMNI HOTEL, 20060323, 219.25, LODGING
- 14. OMNI HOTEL,20060328,85.00,LODGING
- 15. THE DRISKELL HOTEL, 20060222, 104.49, LODGING
- 16. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AUSTIN, 20050722, 564.50, LODGING
- 17. OMNI HOTEL,20050727,366.31,LODGING
- 18. OMNI HOTEL, 20050728, 112.56, LODGING
- 19. STAYBRIDGE SUITES, 20051023, 288.15, LODGING
- 20. OMNI HOTEL, 20051026, 110.70, LODGING
- 21. OMNI HOTEL,20051028,193.89,LODGING
- 22. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AUSTIN, 20051110, 196.56, LODGING
- 23. MANSIONS AT JUDGES HILL, 20051215, 126.75, LODGING
- 24. OMNI HOTEL, 20051201, 281.12, LODGING
- 25. OMNI HOTEL, 20050817, 124.26, LODGING
- 26. OMNI HOTEL, 20050819, 184.00, LODGING
- 27. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AUSTIN.20050714.301.33.LODGING
- 28. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AUSTIN, 20050713, 147.27, LODGING
- 29. OMNI HOTEL, 20050810, 118.58, LODGING
- 30. MARRIOT HOTEL, 20051210, 508.26, LODGING
- 31. MANSIONS AT JUDGES HILL, 20051206, 92.00, LODGING
- 32. AMERICAN AIRLINES, 20050110, 188.20, AIRFARE

Harris, Chris – 9th Sen. – Arlington

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SIRIUS RADIO EXPENSES



Siriusly, I luvs Snoop Dog!

Chris has used campaign funds over the past several years to pay for the lease of a car. Apparently, he was not satisfied with this free ride and decided he was entitled to personally enjoy non-stop rap music while enjoying his free ride by billing his campaign for Sirius radio.

Because Chris is an attorney, one would have thought that he could have reasonably understood the legal prohibitions against using campaign funds for something that is obviously "personal." Hopefully, he doesn't claim "ignorance of the law" as a defense.

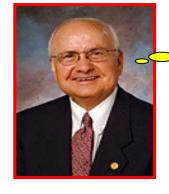
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- 20070903,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20071003,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20071103,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- > 20071203,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20070103,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20070203,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20070303,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20070403.13.83.SATELLITE RADIO
- 20070503,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20070603,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20060703,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20060803,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20060903,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20061003,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20061103,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20061203,13.83,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20060110,11.27,SATELLITE RADIO
 20060203,13.76,SATELLITE RADIO
- > 20060303,13.99,SATELLITE RADIO
- > 20000000, 10.00, OATELLITE DADIO
- 20060404,13.99,SATELLITE RADIO20060503,13.99,SATELLITE RADIO
- 20000000, 10.000, OATELLITE TIADIO
- > 20060604,13.99,SATELLITE RADIO

Harris is another attorney who apparently didn't do well in Ethics "101."

Hunter, Robert J. – 71st Rep. – Abilene

Violations of Title 15 - Election Code - Sec. 253.035

Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 241 – "Whether a legislator may use political contributions to pay various expenses." This EAO defines "personal use" as one that "primarily furthers individual or family purposes not connected with the performance of duties or activities as a candidate for or holder of a public office."



Ain't spent over \$200 in a year on groceries for decades.

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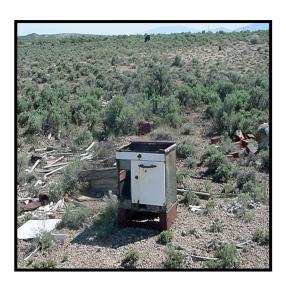
- 2006 Meals in Austin = 87
- ➤ 2006 Meals in Abilene = 141
- ➤ 2006 Meals Misc. = 24
- ➤ Total Meals in 2006 = 232 No Sessions
- 2005 Meals in Austin = 198
- 2005 Meals in Abilene = 281
- ➤ 2005 Meals Misc. =35
- ➤ Total Meals in 2005 = 514 Jan/May + June-Aug Sessions
- ➤ 2004 Meals in Austin = 252
- ➤ 2004 Meals in Abilene = 270
- ➤ 2004 Meals Misc. = 33
- ➤ Total Meals in 2004 = 555 Apr 20/May 17 Special Session
- > 2003 Meals in Austin = 301
- ≥ 2003 Meals in Abilene = 142
- 2003 Meals Misc. = 37
- ➤ Total Meals in 2003 = 480 Jan/June + July/Aug + Sept/Oct Sessions
- 2002 Meals in Austin = 178
- > 2002 Meals in Abilene = 221
- > 2002 Meals Misc. = 22
- \triangleright Total meals in 2002 = 421 No Sessions
- ➤ 2001 Meals in Austin = 163
- 2001 Meals in Abilene = 209
- 2001 Meals Misc. = 14
- ➤ Total Meals in 2001 = 386 Jan/May Session
- ➤ 2000 Meals in Austin = 183
- 2000 Meals in Abilene = 133

- ➤ 200 Meals Misc. = 14
- \triangleright Total Meals in 2000 = 330 No Sessions

It certainly appears that Bob has saved a considerable amount of money by billing his campaign for 2,918 meals over the course of seven (7) years, which is 417 meals per year. During this time, Bob billed for 1,362 meals in Austin (195 meals a year). During this time, the legislature was in session for only twenty-one (21) months. This equates to 65 meals per month!

It may well be that Bob has saved a significant amount of money over the years on his electric and gas bills at his home in Abilene since there would be no need to fire up his refrigerator and/or use his stove, right? Fortunately, I discovered photos of Bob's unused refrigerator and stove, which are pictured below.





Jackson, Michael (Mike) – Sen. 11th – Pasadena

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Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 104 – Whether an officeholder may use political contributions to pay dry cleaning and laundry bills. (AOR-98) This EAO states in

the summary: "Legislators may not use political contributions to pay laundry and dry cleaning expenses incurred in Austin.



Dry Cleaning expenses paid in Austin

- American Cleaners 8, 20070327, 62.26, Dry Cleaning Expense
- Capitol Cleaners, 20060513 ,45.95,Dry Cleaning Expense
- > Capitol Cleaners, 20060627, 11.31, Dry Cleaning Expense
- Capitol Cleaners, 20050728, 5.15, Dry Cleaning Expense
- > Jack Brown Cleaners #6, 20050716, 52.55, Dry Cleaning
- ➤ Jack Brown Cleaners #6, 20050716, 13.64, Dry Cleaning Expense
- > Capitol Cleaners, 20050721, 28.44, Dry Cleaning Expense
- Capitol Cleaners, 20050707, 17.21, Dry Cleaning Expense

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Personal purchase of Exercise Equipment

> Total Fitness, 20040120,900.00, Exercise Equipment Expense

The purchase of exercise equipment by Mike can only be interpreted as an illegal use of campaign funds for personal purposes.

King, Phillip S. Phil Rep. 61 – Weatherford

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Expenses for groceries/food for Austin Apartment – Randall's Austin

- 1. 20080109,114.69, Groceries Office Refreshments/Accommodations Expense
- 2. Randal's Grocery Food and Accommodations Expense
- 3. 20070302,185.13,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 4. 20070324,128.21,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 5. 20070419,194.02,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 6. 20070428,129.94,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 7. 20070512,163.85,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 8. 20070519,100.78,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 9. 20070531,148.95,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 10. 20070601,56.90,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 11. 20070620,140.39,Food and Accommodations
- 12. 20070806,129.22, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 13. 20070821,61.68. Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 14. 20070829,128.04, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 15. 20070919,75.16, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 16. 20070924,90.81, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 17. 20071010,141.55, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 18. 20071117,241.06, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 19. 20071208,134.67, Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense

Expenses for groceries/food for Austin Apartment – HEB Grocery Austin

- 1. Randal's Grocery,20080109,114.69,Groceries Office Refreshments and Accommodations Expense
- 2. H.E.B. 20070502,62.54,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 3. H.E.B. 20070222,23.98,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 4. H.E.B. 20070322,47.09,Food and Accommodations Expense
- 5. H.E.B. 20070613,11.99,Food and Accommodations

Dry Cleaning expenses – Westbank Dry Cleaners, Austin

- 1. 20070113,14.42,Travel Expense
- 2. 20070131, 5.02, Travel Expense
- 3. 20070202, 20.71, Travel Expense
- 4. 20070209, 5.02, Travel Expense
- 5. 20070216, 15.07, Travel Expense
- 6. 20070221, 20.09, Travel Expense
- 7. 20070226, 44.52, Travel Expense
- 8. 20070303, 21.60, Travel Expense
- 9. 20070309, 12.56, Travel Expense
- 10. 20070315, 10.44, Travel Expense
- 11. 20070323, 10.44, Travel Expense
- 12. 20070324, 18.27, Travel Expense
- 13. 20070331, 5.22, Travel Expense
- 14. 20070406, 22.67, Travel Expense
- 15. 20070413, 18.26, Travel Expense
- 16. 20070421, 15.65, Travel Expense
- 17. 20070428, 107.13, Travel Expense
- 18. 20070512, 50.21, Travel Expense
- 19. 20070519, 32.36, Travel Expense
- 20. 20070524,15.65, travel expense
- 21. 20050718,10.93, Travel expense
- 22. 20050726,11.15,Travel expense
- 23. 20050805,25.44,Travel expense
- 24. 20051214,40.72, Travel expense

Travel Expenses – Randal's in Austin - No detail/explanation

- 1. Randal's,20060112,11.00,Travel Expense
- 2. Randal's,20060215,113.71,Travel Expense
- 3. Randal's,20060221,72.85,Travel Expense
- 4. Randal's,20060324,19.98,Travel Expense
- 5. Randal's,20060418,55.21,Travel Expense
- 6. Randal's,20060507,99.67,Travel Expense
- 7. Randal's,20060515,103.74,Travel Expense
- 8. Randal's,20060525,127.08,Travel Expense
- 9. Randal's,20060905,81.11,Travel Expense
- 10. Randal's,20060908,58.49,Travel Expense
- 11. Randal's,20061025,106.84,Travel Expense
- 12. Randal's,20061102,249.82,Travel Expense
- 13. Randal's,20050718,116.09,Travel expense
- 14. Randal's,20050216,103.63,Travel expense
- 15. Randal's ,20050310,103.61,Travel expense
- 16. Randal's,20050119,100.28,Travel expense
- 17. Randal's,20050323,105.30,Travel expense
- 18. Randal's,20050408,73.18,Travel expense
- 19. Randal's,20050504,99.23,Travel expense
- 20. Randal's,20050110,111.46,Travel expense
- 21. Randal's,20050216,103.63,Travel expense
- 22. Randal's,20050303,90.61,Travel expense
- 23. Randal's,20050310,103.61,Travel expense
- 24. Randal's,20050119,100.28,Travel expense
- 25. Randal's,20050323,105.30,Travel expense
- 26. Randal's,20050408,73.18,Travel expense
- 27. Randal's,20050504,99.23,Travel expense

Travel Expenses – No detail/explanation

- 1. Southwest Airlines, 20080121, 113.00, Travel Expense
- 2. Alden Hotel, Houston, 20071109, 333.34, Travel Expense
- 3. American Airlines,,,,DFW Airport,, ,20070928,100.00,Travel Expense
- 4. American Airlines,,,,DFW Airport,, ,20071023,59.40,Travel Expense
- 5. American Airlines,,,,DFW Airport,, ,20071114,114.30,Travel Expense
- 6. Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Austin, 20070717, 881.72, Travel Expense
- 7. Intercontinental Hotel Houston, 20070922, 138.30, Travel Expense
- 8. Intercontinental Hotel Houston, 20070922, 157.54, Travel Expense
- 9. Southwest Airlines, 20070717, 234.80, Travel Expense
- 10. Southwest Airlines, 20070802, 77.30, Travel Expense
- 11. Southwest Airlines, 20070802, 77.30, Travel Expense
- 12. Southwest Airlines, 20070802, 112.80, Travel Expense
- 13. Southwest Airlines, 20070809, 112.80, Travel Expense
- 14. Southwest Airlines, 20070810, 241.30, Travel Expense
- 15. Southwest Airlines, 20070911, 8.10, Travel Expense
- 16. Southwest Airlines,20070911,53.00,Travel Expense
- 17. Southwest Airlines,20071016,122.80,Travel Expense
- 18. Southwest Airlines,20071106,256.80,Travel Expense
- 19. Dallas Love Field,20061215,100.00,Travel Expense
- 20. Dallas Love Field, 20061215, 100.00, Travel Expense
- 21. Hilton Hotel DFW,20061120,120.00,Accomodations Expense
- 22. Hilton Hotel DFW,20061120,137.87,Accomodations Expense
- 23. Southwest Airlines, 20061116, 232.60, Travel Expense
- 24. Southwest Airlines, 20061124, 92.60, Travel Expense
- 25. Southwest Airlines, 20061130, 3.00, Travel Expense
- 26. Southwest Airlines, 20061213, 238.10, Travel Expense
- 27. Texas Bank,20061111,100.00,Travel Expenses
- 28. Hilton Americas Hotel, Houston, 20061005, 379.60, Travel Expense
- 29. Prosperity Bank, 20061023, 100.00, Travel expenses
- 30. Southwest Airlines, 20061002, 234.10, Travel Expense
- 31. Kroger, 20060807, 63.98, Travel Expense
- 32. American Airlines, 20060604, 234.10, Travel Expense
- 33. Crowne Plaza, Dallas, 20060224, 143.75, Lodging
- 34. Southwest Airlines, 20060106, 238.10, Travel Expense
- 35. Southwest Airlines, 20060110, 238.10, Travel Expense
- 36. Southwest Airlines, 20060123, 124.10, Travel Expense
- 37. Southwest Airlines, 20060123, 124.10, Travel Expense
- 38. Southwest Airlines, 20060123, 124.10, Travel Expense
- 39. Southwest Airlines, 20060221, 114.80, Travel Expense
- 40. Southwest Airlines, 20060224, 230.60, Travel Expense
- 41. Southwest Airlines5,20060622,234.60,Travel Expense
- 42. Southwest Airlines, 20060622, 229.60, Travel Expense
- 43. Southwest Airlines, 20050815, 205.90, Travel expense
- 44. Southwest Airlines, 20050815, 205.90, Travel expense
- 45. Southwest Airlines, 20050815, 107.20, Travel expense
- 46. Southwest Airlines, 20050815, 105.20, Travel expense
- 47. Southwest Airlines, 20050815, 102.70, Travel expense
- 48. American Airlines, 20050915, 102.00, Travel expense
- 49. Hawthorn Suites-San Antonio, 20050929, 189.65, Travel expense
- 50. Emily Morgan Hotel, 20050929, 128.03, Travel expense
- 51. Emily Morgan Hotel, 20050929, 108.58, Travel expense
- 52. Southwest Airlines, 20050908, 89.40, Travel expense
- 53. Southwest Airlines, 20050908, 89.40, Travel expense

- 54. Southwest Airlines, 20050909, 149.40, Travel expense
- 55. Hilton Hotel, 20051027, 108.22, Travel expense
- 56. Hilton Hotel DFW,,,, ,20051027,108.22, Travel expense
- 57. American Airlines, 20051213, 150.00, Travel expense
- 58. Doubletree Hotel, 20050216, 60.72, Travel expense
- 59. Freebirds World Burrito, 20050216, 15.50, Travel expense
- 60. Southwest Airlines, 20050217, 106.20, Travel expense
- 61. Windsor at Barton Creek, 20050111, 1081.00, Accommodations expense
- 62. Southwest Airlines ,20050217,106.20, Travel expense
- 63. Safeway, 20050125, 32.99, Travel expense
- 64. Randal's, 20050303, 90.61, Travel expense
- 65. Randal's,20050310,103.61,Travel expense
- 66. Randal's,20050119,100.28,Travel expense
- 67. Randal's,20050323,105.30,Travel expense
- 68. Randal's,20050408,73.18,Travel expense
- 69. Randal's,20050504,99.23, Travel expense

Maid Services for Austin Apt. – Morehand's Inc. – 2007

- 1. 22 payments at \$69.28 = \$1,524.16
- 2. 14 payments at \$74.69 = \$1,045.66

This type of expenditure does not appear to be kosher. If Phil and/or his spouse is too lazy to clean an apartment that is provided to them at no cost, then that's tough cookies in my book. One would like to think that Phil would be happy that his contributors are forking over about \$1500 a month for his rental of an apartment in Austin. What an ingrate, and a lazy one at that if there ever was one.

Time Warner Cable Services for Austin Apt.

1. 2007 = \$1,980.43 = monthly average of \$165.00

In reviewing Time Warner's website regarding costs in Austin, it would appear that Phil purchased the "Get it All" service that includes (a) digital phone, (b) Road Runner Internet access, (c) DigiPic 4000, and (d) Starz movie channels, which costs \$159.95 per month. Since Phil's monthly average is \$165, he must have also ordered a sports channel or maybe even the Playboy Channel.

Regardless of what Phil ordered, I can't imagine that such lavish expenditures could be construed as being a "reasonable household expense" while residing in Austin during legislative sessions. Due to the fact that the 80th legislative session began on Jan. 9 and ended on May 28, 2007, how is it reasonable for Phil to pay \$165 a month for cable for his Austin apartment from June through Dec.? Clearly, this cannot be determined to be a reasonable living expense!

Mobile Phone Charges for 2007

The "digital phone" service Phil received from Time Warner provides unlimited long distance calls. Despite this free service, Phil paid \$3,562.35 to AT&T Mobility and \$7,279.15 to Cingular Wireless for a total of \$10,841.50 in 2007.

It would be hard to believe that of the \$10,841 in cell phone bills for 2007 that, none of them were of a personal nature. This is especially true when taking into consideration the fact that Phil was provided with unlimited long distance calls with Time Warner.

Lucio, Eduardo – Sen. 27th – Brownsville

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Eddie takes the cake so to speak for serial violations of the Texas Ethics Laws that prohibit the use of campaign funds for personal use. On forty-three (43) occasions he violates the law by failing to provide any detail (explanation) other than "Supplies for Austin Campaign Residence."

His repeated purchases of cleaning supplies (17 occasions) clearly violates Texas law as does his purchase of (a) rat poison, rat traps and bug spray unless its was intended for two-legged varmints rather than four-legged ones. From 2001 to 2007 Eddie spent \$11,501.99 on furniture and a TV. In addition, he spent at least \$1,526.98 on bedding and as much as \$2,000.00 from April 2001 to Jan 2007. How much bedding and sheets can one guy use?

2007 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Central Market,20070108,234.83, Supplies for Austin Residence
- 2. Central Market -,20070316,67.81, Supplies for Austin Residence
- 3. R & R Discount Furniture,20070130,313.91, Furniture for Senator's Austin Apartment
- 4. Sam's Wholesale -,20070109,2017.33,Bedding/furniture for Senator's Austin Apt.
- 5. Target Stores -,20070215,48.70, Cleaning supplies for Senator's Austin Apt
- 6. Wal Mart -,20070102,78.74, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 7. Wal Mart, 20070107, 481.83, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 8. Wal Mart,20070121,238.04, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 9. Wal Mart, 20070204, 166.35, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 10. Wal Mart, 20070223, 118.07, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 11. Wal Mart, 20070308, 204.59, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 12. Wal Mart, 20070317,84,11, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 13. Wal -,20070405,142.94, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 14. Wal Mart, 20070416, 77.51, Supplies for Austin Campaign residence
- 15. Walgreens, 20070306, 72.92, Supplies for campaign residence in Austin
- 16. Walgreens, 20070515, 51.86, Supplies for campaign residence in Austin
- Merry Maids, 20070803, 184.03, Maid Service for Austin campaign residence

2006 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

1. H.E. Butt,20020603,256.26, Restroom and Cleaning supplies Austin residence

2005 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Wal Mart -,20050112,338.87, Household furnishings for senator's residence in Austin
- 2. Wal Mart -,20050124,804.76, Household furnishings for senator's residence in Austin
- 3. H.E. Butt -,20050127,133.58, Supplies for campaign residence in Austin
- 4. CVS Pharmacy,20050131,46.46,Supplies for Austin office
- 5. Home Depot, 20050224, 29.13, Household supplies for Austin campaign residence
- 6. Prima Dora, 20050506, 107.17, Household supplies for campaign residence in Austin
- 7. Walgreens -,20050509,15.11,Supplies for campaign residence in Austin
- 8. Tuesday Morning,,,, ,20050204,507.49,Bedding for campaign residence in Austin
- 9. Tuesday Morning,20050207,189.42,Bedding for campaign residence in Austin
- 10. Tuesday Morning,20050205,390.56,Bedding for campaign residence in Austin

2004 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Dillards BRO,20041227,1113.10, Furniture and bedding for Austin apartment
- 2. R & R Discount Furniture ,20040902,191.59, Furniture for campaign Austin residence
- 3. H.E. Butt, 20041124, 119.41, Cleaning supplies for campaign Austin residence
- 4. Wal-Mart,20040806,155.88,Cleaning supplies
- 5. C Stars, 20040113, 27.06, Supplies for Campaign
- 6. H.E. Butt, 20040211, 194.09, Supplies Supplies Austin residence
- 7. H.E. Butt,20040328,179.42, Supplies Austin residence
- 8. H.E. Butt,20040414,189.73, Supplies Austin residence
- 9. H.E. Butt,20040420,48.60, Supplies Austin residence
- 10. H.E. Butt,20040502,52.33, Supplies Austin residence
- 11. Wal Mart -,20040523,125.09, Supplies Austin residence
- 12. Wal,20040608,18.27, Supplies for Austin campaign residence
- 13. Wal,20040612,94.62,Supplies for Austin campaign residence
- 14. Wal -,117.95, Supplies for Austin campaign residence
- 15. Wal Mart, 20040327, 30.65, Supplies for Austin campaign residence
- 16. Walmart,20040412,55.99,Supplies for campaign Austin residence
- 17. DC Merchandise Trail, 20040108, 275.00, Supplies for Austin Campaign Apartment
- 18. Eckerd Drugs, 20040325, 20.72, Supplies for Austin campaign residence
- 19. H.E.,20040506,310.84, Supplies for campaign Austin residence

2003 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Home Depot, 20030204, 45.31, Supplies campaign residence
- 2. R & R Discount Furniture, 20030106, 584.54, furniture Austin residence
- 3. R & R Discount Furniture, 20030219, 1606.38, Furnishings Austin residence
- 4. Randalls Food,20030515,44.77,Supplies Austin residence
- 5. Target Stores, 20030106, 400.47, Supplies Austin residence
- U Haul BRO,20030125,194.37, Rental trailer move furniture to Austin residence
- 7. U Haul BRO,20030128,100.81, Rental trailer move furniture and items to district
- 8. Wal -,20030308,38.29,General supplies Austin residence
- 9. Wal Mart, 20030106, 370.56, TV Austin residence
- Wal Mart, 20030126, 405.43, Supplies and accessories Austin residence
- 11. Wal Mart, 20030202, 27.74, Supplies Austin residence
- 12. Wal -,20030203,91.46, Supplies for Senator's Austin residence
- 13. Wal Mart, 20030205, 300.94, Supplies/sheets/kitchen items Austin home
- 14. Wal Mart, 20030212, 44.49, Supplies campaign residence
- 15. Wal Mart, 20030219, 247.54, Supplies for Senator's Austin residence

- 16. Butt,20031001,33.79, Supplies campaign residence in Austin
- 17. H.E. Butt, 20031204, 38.41, Cleaning Supplies need for Austin campaign residence
- 18. Wal Mart, 20031204, 171.86, Cleaning Supplies needed Austin residence

2002 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Parra Furniture, 20020214, 205.54, payment on account on furniture Austin residence
- 2. Parra Furniture, 20020306, 205.00, payment on account on furniture Austin residence
- 3. H.E.,20021015,38.34,cleaning supplies Austin Home
- 4. H.E. Butt,20021021,156.16,Cleaning supplies Austin Rental Home
- 5. R & R Discount Furniture, 20021211, 270.61, Furniture new Austin Residence
- 6. Rosales, Stephen, Mr, 20020923, 193.49, Reimbursement cleaning of Austin home
- 7. Wal Mart, 20020922, 161.49, supplies for campaign home
- 8. Wal Mart, 20021015, 75.35, supplies for campaign home
- 9. Wal Mart,20021211,21.83, supplies for new Austin home for the Senator

2001 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Randalls,20001002,49.13,cleaning supplies Austin home
- 2. Randalls,20001106,49.14,Cleaning supplies Austin home
- 3. H.E. Butt,20010408,137.49,Cleaning Supplies Austin home
- 4. EXPN,F,2266, Parra Furniture,20010316,2264.61, Furniture Austin Residence
- 5. EXPN,F,2288, Parra Furniture,20010322,2264.61, furniture Austin Residence
- 6. Randalls Food,20010225,37.96,Cleaning supplies senator's home
- 7. Randalls,20010318,29.64,Cleaning supplies Austin home
- 8. Target Stores, 20010605, 10.81, cleaning supplies Austin Residence
- 9. U Haul BRO,20010210,143.26,U-Haul trailer to haul furniture Austin Residence
- 10. Wal Mart, 20010121, 364.82, New curtains Austin Residence
- 11. Wal Mart, 20010406, 74.52, cleaning supplies Austin Residence
- 12. Wal Mart, 20010408, 139, 42, Bedspread for bedroom Austin Home
- 13. Wal Mart -,20010428,64.15,cleaning supplies Senator's Home
- 14. Wal Mart, 20010624, 124.79, cleaning supplies Austin residence
- 15. Westlake Moving Co,20010407,925.00, charges -5112 Crestway to 2202 Hazeltine Austin
- 16. Honey Do's Home Maintenance,20011004,160.00, Plumbing and electrical repair for Senator's Austin residence 2202 Hazeltine
- 17. Stanley Steemers, 20011204, 172.12, Carpet Cleaning Service Austin residence
- 18. Wal Mart, 20011004, 98.40, Restroom Supplies Austin home
- 19. Wal Mart, 20011021, 116.14, Large US Flag and Pole Austin residence
- 20. Wal-Mart, 20011202, 74.91, Coffee pot and kitchen supplies Austin residence

2000 - Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Wal Mart,20000920,154.81, Vaccum Cleaner Austin Home
- 2. Wal Mart, 20001227, 98.42, Bedding for senator Austin home
- 3. Wal Mart,20001227,60.19,Bedding for senator Austin home
- 4. Wal Mart, 20001227, 177.48, Bedding for senator Austin home
- 5. Home Depot, 20000407, 197.78, Install plastic carpet pathway runner Austin home
- 6. Home Depot ,20000220,91.28, Bug spray rattraps and rat poison Austin house
- 7. Randalls Food,20001002,49.13,cleaning supplies Austin home
- 8. Randalls Food, 20001106, 49.14, Cleaning supplies Austin home
- 9. U Haul BRO,20001226,64.46,trailer rental to haul furniture Austin home for session

Furniture for Austin Apt.

1. R & R Discount Furniture,20070130,313.91,Furniture for Senator's Austin Apartment

- 2. Sam's Wholesale -,20070109,2017.33,Bedding/furniture for Senator's Austin Apt.
- 3. Dillards BRO,20041227,1113.10, Furniture and bedding for Austin apartment
- 4. R & R Discount Furniture ,20040902,191.59,Furniture for campaign Austin residence
- 5. R & R Discount Furniture, 20030106, 584.54, furniture Austin residence
- 6. R & R Discount Furniture, 20030219, 1606.38, Furnishings Austin residence
- 7. Wal Mart, 20030106, 370.56, TV Austin residence
- 8. Parra Furniture, 20020214, 205.54, payment on account on furniture Austin residence
- 9. Parra Furniture, 20020306, 205.00, payment on account on furniture Austin residence
- 10. EXPN,F,2266, Parra Furniture,20010316,2264.61, Furniture Austin Residence
- 11. EXPN,F,2288, Parra Furniture,20010322,2264.61,furniture Austin Residence
- 12. Wal Mart, 20010121, 364.82, New curtains Austin Residence

Bedding Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Sam's Wholesale -,20070109,2017.33,Bedding/furniture for Senator's Austin Apt.
- 2. Dillards BRO,20041227,1113.10, Furniture and bedding for Austin apartment
- 3. Tuesday Morning,,,, ,20050204,507.49,Bedding for campaign residence in Austin
- 4. Tuesday Morning, 20050207, 189.42, Bedding for campaign residence in Austin
- 5. Tuesday Morning, 20050205, 390.56, Bedding for campaign residence in Austin
- 6. Wal Mart, 20030205, 300.94. Supplies/sheets/kitchen items Austin home
- 7. Wal Mart,,20001227,98.42,Bedding Austin home
- 8. Wal Mart, 20001227, 60.19, Bedding Austin home
- 9. Wal Mart, 20001227, 177.48, Bedding Austin home
- 10. Wal Mart, 20010408, 139.42, Bedspread for bedroom Austin Home

It would appear that Eddie availed himself of a new line of products from Depends as it relates to his repeated purchases of bedding (sheets) over a seven-year period of time to the tune of about \$1800, an example of which is pictured below.



Cleaning Supplies for Austin Apt.

- 1. Target Stores -,20070215,48.70,Cleaning supplies for Senator's Austin Apt
- H.E. Butt,20020603,256.26,Restroom and Cleaning supplies Austin residence
- 3. H.E. Butt, 20041124, 119.41, Cleaning supplies for campaign Austin residence
- 4. Wal-Mart, 20040806, 155.88, Cleaning supplies
- 5. H.E.,20021015,38.34,cleaning supplies Austin Home
- 6. H.E. Butt,20021021,156.16,Cleaning supplies Austin Rental Home
- 7. Randalls,20001002,49.13,cleaning supplies Austin home
- 8. Randalls,20001106,49.14,Cleaning supplies Austin home
- 9. H.E. Butt,20010408,137.49,Cleaning Supplies Austin home
- 10. Randalls Food,20010225,37.96,Cleaning supplies senator's home

- 11. Randalls,20010318,29.64,Cleaning supplies Austin home
- 12. Target Stores, 20010605, 10.81, cleaning supplies Austin Residence
- 13. Wal Mart, 20010406, 74.52, cleaning supplies Austin Residence
- 14. Wal Mart -,20010428,64.15,cleaning supplies Senator's Home
- 15. Wal Mart, 20010624, 124.79, cleaning supplies Austin residence
- 16. Randalls Food, 20001002, 49.13, cleaning supplies Austin home
- 17. Randalls Food,20001106,49.14,Cleaning supplies Austin home

Could it be that Eddie's frequent purchases (\$1,450.65) of cleaning supplies for his Austin rental means he may not be in the running for an award from Good Housekeeping? Of course maybe Eddie was purchasing industrial strength cleaning products like (a) WOW all purpose cleaner, (b) Purge insect killer and/or (c) Spraywow foaming cleaner from the DeVere Co. in Janesville, Wisconsin. The below photo of Eddie's Austin digs may well justify such repeated expenditures, right?



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- 1. Schatte, Andrew, Mr.,,, Houston, TX, 77098,,, 20060114, 1000.00
- 2. Smith, P. Rowan, Mr.,.., Houston, TX, 77084, ... 20060125, 1500.00
- 3. Sharp, William, Mr.,,,, Norton, KS, 67654,,, 20060120, 500.00
- 4. Dannenbaum, James, Mr.,,,, Houston, TX, 77098,,, 20060114, 500.00
- 5. Kim,Lillian,Ms.,,,,Harlingen,TX,78550,,,20060120,1000.00
- 6. DeLay,Randolph,Mr.,,,,Houston,TX,77082,,,20060114,1000.00
- 7. Wilkins, Douglas, Mr.,.., Austin, TX, 78749, ... 20060203, 500.00
- 8. Perry, Bob, Mr.,,,, Houston, TX, 77234,,, 20060203, 5000.00
- 9. Phillips, Joseph, Mr.,,,, Mission, TX, 78572,,, 20060131, 2000.00
- 10. Shepard, R.W., Mr.,,,, Harlingen, TX, 78552,,, 20060131, 500.00
- 11. Hinkle, K. Daniel, Mr.,,,, Sugar Land, TX, 77478,,, 20060203, 500.00
- 12. Ballenger, Joe, Mr.,,, Harlingen, TX, 78550,,, 20060223, 1500.00
- 13. Ballenger, W.T., Mr., Jr., San Benito, TX, 78586, 20060223, 1500.00
- 14. Fulghum, Neel, Mr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78526,,, 20060209, 1000.00
- 15. Parker, Carl, Mr.,,,, Port Arthur, TX, 77642,,, 20060215, 500.00

- 16. Gonzales, Ramiro, Mr., Jr.,,, San Benito, TX, 78586,,, 20060224, 2520.00, Use of billboard
- 17. Langan, Eric, Mr.,,,, Pearland, TX, 77584,,, 20060310, 500.00
- 18. Allex & Associates......Harlingen,TX.78553...20060926.500.00
- 19. Dunkin, Robert, Mr.,,,, Harlingen, TX, 78550,,, 20060926, 500.00
- 20. Graydon Group,,,,,Austin,TX,78701,,,20070626,500.00,contribution
- 21. Blackridge,...,Austin,TX,78701,,,20071204,500.00
- 22. Burke, Brian, ..., Harlingen, TX, 78550, ... 20070816, 500.00
- 23. Carter, Brent, Mr.,,,, Harlingen, TX, 78552,,, 20070816, 750.00
- 24. Alexander, Deborah W., Dr.,,,, McAllen, TX, 78504,,, 20051101, 500.00
- 25. Gillum, William N., Mr., Weslaco, TX, 78596, ,, 20051026, 1000.00
- 26. Pena, Raul A., Dr.,,,, McAllen, TX, 78506,,, 20051101, 1000.00
- 27. Diaz, Carlos E., Mr., Mission, TX, 78572, 20051101, 500.00
- 28. McMillan, Reagan, Mr.,,,, Harlingen, TX, 78550,,, 20051101, 1000.00
- 29. Gillett, Richard, Dr.,,,, McAllen, TX, 78501,,, 20051031, 1000.00
- 30. Sudarshan, Yvonne, Ms.,,,, San Benito, TX, 78586,,, 20051101, 500.00
- 31. Manrique De Lara, Carlos, Dr.,,,, Edinburg, TX, 78539,,, 20051027, 1000.00
- 32. Lee, Chevy C., Dr., McAllen, TX, 78503, , 20051101, 1000.00
- 33. Auguello, Roberto A., Dr.,,,, McAllen, TX, 78503,,, 20051102, 1000.00
- 34. Perez, Rodolfo N., Mr., Jr., Weslaco, TX, 78596-6605, 20051027, 1000.00
- 35. Perry, Bob J., Mr.,,, Houston, TX, 77234,,, 20050721, 10000.00
- 36. Peacock, Lester W., Dr., ,, Edinburg, TX, 78539, ,, 20051026, 1000.00
- 37. Barron, Eric R., Dr., Brownsville, TX, 78520, 20051027, 1000.00
- 38. McCormick, Robert J., Mr.,,, Colleyville, TX, 76034,,, 20051108, 2000.00

Oliveira, Rene – 37th Rep. – Brownsville, Texas

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Ms. Oliveira unlawfully utilized campaign funds to pay for (a) dry cleaning, (b) groceries (c) food, (d) laundry, and (e) beverages for Austin apartment, etc.

Food/Beverages/Dry Cleaning Austin Residence – 2007

- 1. Jack Brown Cleaners, Austin, 20070131, 76.70, Dry Cleaning
- 2. Jack Brown Cleaners, Austin, 20070112,46.23, Dry Cleaning
- 3. Gray, Tony, Mr, Austin, 20050307, 74.00, Reim for Dry Cleaning
- 4. 20070120, 243.38, Paper Goods Food & Beverages for Staff & Residence
- 5. 20070128, 357.77, Food Supplies for Capitol Office and Austin Residence
- 6. 20070204, 582.11, Groceries & Supplies for Capitol Office & Austin Residence
- 7. 20070304, 366.52, Groceries supplies for Austin Residence and Capitol Office
- 8. 20070412, 353.33, Groceries and Supplies for Austin Residence
- 9. 20070509, 333.39, Groceries and Supplies for Austin Residence
- 10. 20070529, 287.79, Groceries and Supplies for Austin Residence Capitol Office
- 11. 20070113, 422.51, Groceries and Supplies for Office and Residence
- 12. 20070602, 407.10, Groceries and Supplies for Austin Residence
- 13. 20070610,159.13, Supplies for Austin Apt & Capitol Office
- 14. 20070428,82.56, Cleaning Supplies for Austin Apt

Food/Beverages/Dry Cleaning Austin Residence – 2006 – Visa Card

- 1. 20060404 991.00, Meals Groceries and House Supplies while in Austin
- 2. 20060103 509.98, Groceries Meals and House Supplies while in Austin
- 3. 2006061 1815.95, Round Trips/District Capitol Rental Cars Meals Groceries

Food/Beverages/Dry Cleaning Austin Residence – 2005 – Visa Card

- 1. 20050706,2395.66,Groceries Meals Gas Gifts Rental Car Art Dealer Gallery while in Austin
- 2. 20050806,2003.09,Meals Groceries Apartment Supplies & Roundtrip multiple flights to & from Austin
- 3. 20050715,1932.96,Meals for member & constituents. Groceries gasoline. Multiple roundtrip flights to Austin
- 4. 20050906,2242.18, Dry cleaning Apt. supplies meals with constituents while in Austin Groceries

- 5. 20051015,419.37, Groceries Meals Apartment Supplies Dry Cleaning while in Austin
- 6. 20050205,1500.48,Best Buy Target Parking Austin airport Gas Meals S. W. Flights & Apt. Supplies
- 7. 20050331,1450.33,2 Round trip flights Aus. Hrl. HEB & Meals in Austin
- 8. 20050307,1582.51,Target HEB Randalls Gas Meals. S. W. Flight for Staff and Member Food & Apt. Supplies
- 9. 20050408,258.52,HEB Albertsons. Dry Cleaning
- 10. 20050418,258.52, Dry Cleaning Meals & Laundry
- 20050510,556.28, Laundry HEB Gas Carmelos Rest. Capitol Grill Mezzaluna Rest. & Treehouse Grill Rest
- 12. 20050607,695.22,NCLR Phila. Airpt /Central Mkt. Sullivan's La Reyna Eddie vs. Edgewater Grille & Gas in Austin
- 13. 20050609,1170.19,Groceries Gas Dry Cleaning Maid Ser Walgreens Meals in Austin
- 14. 20050609,2618.84,Meals Dry Cleaning Groceries Shell Oil Gas S.W. Flights Hrl. Austin & Apt. Supplies
- 15. 20050105,1249.77, Meals S W. Roundtrip flights Hrl. Austin Gas Dry Cleaning

Food/Beverages/Dry Cleaning Austin Residence – 2004 – Visa Card

- 1. 20041101,1344.72,R.T. airfare to Austin hotel groceries rental cars meals/House Committee on Public Ed
- 2. 20040713,408.92, Groceries meals supplies and dry cleaning while in Austin
- 3. 20040831,594.81, Groceries dry cleaning & meals while in Austin
- 4. 20040308,1149.24,Groceries Misc. items meals beverages in Austin 3 month period staff & constituents
- 5. Capitol One,20040526,1627.79,Meals groceries dry cleaning maid service & other living expenses while in session
- 6. Cisneros, Diana, 20040302, 132.70, Reimburse laundry groceries and office supplies
- 7. Gray, Tony, 20040428, 250.00, Reimbursement for dry cleaning groceries & maid service

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- 1. Guajardo, Manuel, Dr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78521,,, 20080105, 1000.00
- 2. Norris, Joseph W., Mr., Harlingen, TX, 78550, ,, 20080104, 500.00
- 3. Parker, Frank, Mr., Jr., Brownsville, TX, 78520, 20080104, 500.00
- 4. Pisharodi.Madhavan.Dr.....Brownsville.TX.78520...20080104.1500.00
- 5. Ahlberg, Trevor L., Mr.,,,, Irving, TX, 75038,,,20070928,2500.00
- 6. Baker, Thomas L. and Nancy S..... Dallas, TX, 75225-1910... 20071019, 2500.00
- 7. Bashur, Reggie, Mr.,.., Austin, TX, 78701,.., 20071030, 500.00
- 8. Bashur, Reggie, Mr.,,,, Austin, TX, 78701,,, 20071129, 250.00
- 9. Brown, Sabrina T., Ms.,,,, Austin, TX, 78701,,, 20071001, 500.00
- 10. BUTT, Charles, Mr.,,,, San Antonio, TX, 78204,,, 20071101, 1000.00
- 11. DeLay, Randolph L. and Drucilla,,,,,Houston,TX,77082,,,20070921,1000.00
- 12. DeLay, Randolph L. and Drucilla,..., Houston, TX, 77082,...20071001, 500.00
- 13. DeLay, Randolph L. and Drucilla,,,,, Houston, TX, 77082,,, 20071116, 500.00
- 14. Farris, Robert, Mr.,... Harlingen, TX, 78551-1870,..., 20071126, 1000.00

- 15. Ford, Curtis, Mr.,,,, Austin, TX, 78746,,, 20071019, 1000.00
- 16. Greene, Michael Smith, Mr.,,,, Fort Worth, TX, 76179,,, 20071019, 2500.00
- 17. Johnson, Robert E. Jr. and Gordon R...... Austin, TX, 78701... 20070928, 1000.00
- 18. Jones, Neal T. (Buddy), Mr.,,,, Austin, TX, 78701,,, 20071101, 1000.00
- 19. Lamantia, Greg, Mr.,,,, McAllen, TX, 78502,,, 20071025, 1250.00
- 20. Lamantia, Joe V., Mr., ,, McAllen, TX, 78501, ,, 20071025, 1250.00
- 21. Lemunyon, Glenn, Mr., ,, Washington, DC, 20002, ,, 20071210, 1000.00
- 22. McCall, Mike and Jan,,,,,Southlake,TX,76092,,,20071019,2500.00
- 23. McWilliams, Dean R. and Andrea,,,,,Austin,TX,78703,,,20070928,500.00
- 24. Ostos, Robert A., Mr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78521,,,20071116,1000.00
- 25. Ostos, Robert Lee, Mr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78520,,,20071116,500.00
- 26. Parra, Jaime, Mr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78521,,,20071126,1500.00
- 27. Poole, David and Heather, ,,,, Dallas, TX, 75229, ,, 20071019, 1000.00
- 28. Pratt, Jack E., Mr., Sr.,,, Dallas, TX, 75240,,, 20071001, 5000.00
- 29. Rodriguez, Marc A., Mr.,,,, Austin, TX, 78701,,,20070928,500.00
- 30. Serafy, Nicholas, Mr., Jr., ,, Brownsville, TX, 78520, ,, 20071219, 1000.00
- 31. Shipton, Patricia A.,,,,, AUSTIN, TX, 78701,,, 20071101, 500.00
- 32. Walker, James M., Mr., Jr., ,, Montgomery, AL, 36117, ,, 20071116, 500.00
- 33. Leal, Alma, Dr., Rancho Viejo, TX, 78575, 20051030, 500.00
- 34. Kuri, Jose, Dr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78521,,, 20051117, 1500.00
- 35. Phillips, Joseph, Mr.,,,, Mission, TX, 78572,,, 20051030, 500.00
- 36. Serafy, Nicholas, Mr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78520,,, 20051212, 1000.00
- 37. Loya, Fred, Mr.,,,, El Paso, TX, 79936,,, 20051117, 1000.00
- 38. Johnson, Robert, Mr.,,,, Austin, TX, 78701,,, 20051117, 1000.00
- 39. Pena, Martin, Mr.,,, Laguna Vista, TX, 78578,,, 20051117, 1000.00
- 40. Haywood, John, Mr..., Port Isabeel, TX, 78578, ... 20051117, 1000.00
- 41. Farris, Robert, Mr.,..., Harlingen, TX, 78551-1870,..., 20051117, 2500.00
- 42. Zamir, Asim, Dr., Brownsville, TX, 78521, 20051030, 500.00
- 43. Ostos, Robert, Mr.,.., Brownsville, TX, 78520,,,20051030,500.00
- 44. Robertson, Dale, Mr...., Brownsville, TX, 78520...20051030, 500.00
- 45. Pamelton, Kelly, Ms.,,,, La Faria , TX, 78559,,, 20051030, 500.00
- 46. Campbell, Scott, Mr.,,,, Harlingen, TX, 78550,,,20051030,500.00
- 47. Zavaletta, Joseph, Dr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78520,,, 20051030, 500.00
- 48. Roy, Vicki, Ms.,,,, Harlingen , TX, 78552,,, 20051030, 500.00
- 49. Hales Bradford LLP,,,,,,Brownsville,TX,78520,,,20051030,500.00
- 50. Cascos, Carlos, Mr..., Brownsville, TX, 78520, ,, 20051030, 500.00
- 51. Martinez, Mario, Mr.,.., Austin, TX, 78747,.., 20051117, 500.00
- 52. Ostos, Robert, Mr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78521,,, 20051117, 1000.00
- 53. Pisharodi, Madhavan, Dr.,,,, Brownsville, TX, 78520,,, 20051117, 1000.00
- 54. Hudson, William, Mr..... Brownsville, TX, 78521...20051117, 1000.00

Understanding that a candidate is permitted to not disclose such information if he/she has put forth an effort to secure such information, it doesn't appear that Rene has so acted. It would be difficult to imagine that he could receive 54 separate contributions with some totaling \$2500 and not have a clue as to a donor's occupation and/or employment. Did he send thank you cards to Mr. or Mrs. Anonymous?

Smith, Todd – 92 Rep. – Euless

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Personal Fitness Dues

- 1. Pure Austin Fitness, 20070112,120.00, Gym membership in Austin
- 2. Pure Austin Fitness, 20070306,351.81, Gym membership in Austin
- 3. Pure Austin Fitness ,20060424,15.00,Gym membership
- 4. Pure Austin Fitness, 20060424,120.00, Gym membership
- 5. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050411,63.87,Gym membership
- 6. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050110,226.25, Gym application
- 7. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050210,63.87,Gym membership
- 8. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050310,63.87,Gym membership
- 9. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050411,63.87,Gym membership dues
- 10. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050524,10.30,Gym membership
- 11. ABC Pure Austin Gym, 20050110,226.25, Gym application
- 12. Power House Gym of Austin, 20030110, 541.25,6 month gym membership

Expenses for Austin apartment supplies/no detail provided

- 1. Walmart, 20050110,172.59, Supplies for Austin apartment and office
- 2. Walmart, 20050404,26.93, Supplies for Austin apartment
- 3. Walmart, 20050110,172.59, Supplies for Austin apartment and office
- 4. Walmart, 20050111,22.71, Supplies for Austin apartment
- 5. Walmart, 20050404,26.93, Supplies for Austin apartment
- 6. Walmart, 20050111,20.22, Supplies for Austin apartment and office

If Todd's workouts left him looking anything like the photo below, then I suppose it may be acceptable conduct to illegally use campaign funds.



Solomons, Burt – Rep. 65 – Carrolton

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Household items for Austin apartment

- 1. Walmart,20070106,62.46,household items for Austin apt
- 2. CVS Pharmacy, 20060618, 4.64, items for Austin apt
- 3. CVS Pharmacy,20060621,26.89, items for Austin apt
- 4. Walmart, 20060408, 54.81, items for Austin apt
- 5. Walmart, 20050824, 12.90, items for Austin apt
- 6. HEB Central Market, 20010108, 120.52, food/beverages for Austin apt
- 7. Central Market,,,, ,20001115,51.79,food/beverages/cleaning supplies

Turner, Sylvester, Rep. 139th – Houston

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I was a little pressed 4 time, if ya knows what I mean.

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Dry cleaning costs in Austin

- 1. Pressed 4 Time,20070320,40.09,Rep. Turner's Cleaning
- 2. Pressed 4 Time,20070412,14.78,Rep. Turner's
- 3. Pressed 4 Time,20070423,12.67,Rep. Turner's
- 4. Pressed 4 Time,20070503,14.78,Rep. Turner's
- 5. Pressed 4 Time,20070522,13.00,Rep. Turner's
- 6. Pressed 4 Time,20070604,14.45,Rep. Turner's Cleaning

West, Royce, Sen. 23rd – Dallas

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Fraternity Dues/Fees = \$10,300

- 1. UTA ALUMNI ASSN,20060814,100.00,MEMBERSHIP DUES
- 2. UTA ALUMNI ASSN, 51013,1000.00,MEMBERSHIP DUES
- 3. UTA ALUMNI ASSN,20030329,100.00,MEMBERSHIP DUES
- 4. SIGMA PI PHI,20060113,1750.00, DUES AND BANQUET TABLE
- 5. SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, 20050121, 950.00, MEMBERSHIP DUES
- 6. SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, 20040211,900.00,DUES
- 7. ALPHA EPSILON BOULE, 20030214,950.00, MEMBERSHIP FEE
- 8. SIGMA PI PHI ALPHA EPSILON BOULE, 20020219,900.00,DUES
- 9. ALPHA EPSILON BOULE, 20010202,900.00,ALUMNI DUES
- 10. SIGMA PI PHI, 20000825,900.00, DUES DORIS SORRLY
- 11. SIGMA PI PHI, 20000316,900.00,2000 DUES

Apartment Supplies/no detail/explanation

One must conclude that apartment necessities are of a personal nature, meaning said expenditures are unlawful.

- 1. T.J. MAXX,20070105,251.47,APARTMENT NECESSITIES
- 2. TARGET,20070105,83.85,APARTMENT NECESSITIES
- 3. TARGET, 20070126, 25.09, APARTMENT NECESSITIES
- 4. WAL MART,20070105,63.22,APARTMENT NECESSITIES

It would be difficult to imagine that it would be permissible to use campaign funds to pay Alumni membership dues to the tune of \$10,300. Patently, said expenditures have absolutely nothing to do with the official duties of an officeholder. Put simply, if Royce wishes to pay \$1,000 a year in Alumni dues, then he must do so by paying it from personal funds and not campaign funds.

Since Royce is an attorney one would have thought that he knew better. Sadly, it appears that he is due for a refresher course in ethics; however, I suspect it may be a little too late to do any good, right?