

First Admonishment by the House Ethics Committee

On September 30, 2004, the House ethics committee found that Rep. Tom DeLay had violated House rules in his efforts to pass the controversial Medicare prescription drug bill. The committee admonished DeLay for making an offer to Rep. Nick Smith (R-Mich.), who was retiring, that he would endorse Smith's son for the seat if Smith would vote for the bill. The committee has not made public its findings or report on the case.