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 **SPIN**<sub>CYCLE</sub>

Pelosi claimed last year that Congress was “an auction house – for sale to the highest bidder. You have to pay to play.”

 **RINSE**<sub>CYCLE</sub>



YOU TUBE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7hE4HX-Cwo>

 **SPIN**<sub>CYCLE</sub>

“In an interview, Emanuel said Democrats are tackling ethics in ways that Republicans would not do when they controlled Congress.” (*Chicago Tribune*, 4/26/07)

“We have an institutional problem that requires an institutional solution.” – Rahm Emmanuel. (*Brookings Institute Speech*, 4/25/07)

 **RINSE**<sub>CYCLE</sub>

“Democratic sources indicated that Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is unlikely to ask the Louisiana

lawmaker, who is under federal investigation, to give up his seat on the Small Business Committee."

"The Louisiana lawmaker has not been indicted in the investigation, but the FBI has asserted it videotaped Jefferson allegedly accepting \$100,000 in marked bills from an informant, and a related raid of his home reportedly found \$90,000 in cash in his freezer." (*Roll Call*, 4/26/07)

"We are not asking him to step down from his committee," said Hoyer. "He is elected and he hasn't been charged with anything." (*Congress Daily*, 4/26/07)



### Minority Party Democrats Adopt "Culture of Corruption" as Campaign Slogan



### Majority Party Democrats Adopt "Culture of Corruption" as Standard Operating Procedure

"ABC News' Jake Tapper reports that tonight "at the posh Northern Virginia estate of local real estate magnate Albert Dvoskin, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee will host one of its most expensive events in recent memory — \$28,500 per couple — featuring access to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and 10 powerful House committee chairmen."

"The event will be one of the highest-dollar fundraisers since the McCain-Feingold campaign finance limits were enacted in 2002 and it opens Democrats — who campaigned against the GOP's 'culture of corruption' last November — to charges of hypocrisy," adds Tapper. (*ABCNews.com*, 3/21/07)



### Democrats Rail Against Ties "Between Lawmakers and Lobbyists"



### One of the Most Powerful House Democrats Resuscitates K Street Project

"House Energy and Commerce Chairman John Dingell (D-Mich.) on Tuesday told a group of lobbyists that leaders will be watching corporate political action committee contributions, expecting Democrats' share to rise.

"Now that we're in the majority, we feel there's a reason to pay attention a little more closely," said a source familiar with Dingell's operation.

"...Another lobbyist in attendance said it wasn't the first time he had heard the message from a House Democratic leader. 'I've talked to people in leadership who have made it very clear they will be looking at independent industries and companies and whether they have changed their giving since we've been in the majority.'

Democrats have... "set an aggressive fundraising schedule to pry campaign money from K Street allies." (*Roll Call*, 3/15/2007)



### **Pelosi Say's "Corrupt" Members Shouldn't Have Access to "Top-Secret" Information**

In 2005, Rep. Nancy Pelosi wrote a letter to Speaker Hastert to reiterate her belief that corrupt Members of Congress should never gain access to sensitive national security matters.

"These and many more questions that pertain to the unique and sensitive relationship between a corrupt Member of Congress with daily access to top-secret/sensitive compartmented information and the intelligence and defense agencies within his oversight and funding purview must be addressed immediately." (*Letter to Speaker Hastert*, 11/30/2005)



### **Pelosi Taps FBI Bribery Suspect to Serve on Homeland Security Committee**

Eight months after stripping Rep. William J. Jefferson of his seat on the Ways and Means Committee, Speaker Nancy Pelosi plans to award the embattled lawmaker with a spot on the Homeland Security panel. (*Ferrechio, CQ*, 2/16/07)

Pelosi is quick to defend Jefferson, and did so recently on CNN's Larry King Live. When asked about the flak over Jefferson and the alleged \$500,000 found in his freezer, Pelosi quickly defended Jefferson claiming, "I think it was \$90,000 in his freezer." Pelosi later went on to tell King that the Homeland Committee was "an appropriate place for him to be."



### **"Public Representation...Very Important": Hoyer Defeats Murtha – Pelosi's Lieutenant – for Majority Leader**

"The Maryland lawmaker's win by more than 60 votes also marked a resounding loss for Speaker-designate Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who publicly endorsed Murtha in the contest and, according to Democratic lawmakers, had actively lobbied rank-and-file Members on his behalf." (*Yachnin and Bresnahan, Roll Call*, 11/16/06)

"Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) suggested that Members may have also considered other factors in selecting Hoyer. 'Public representation has become very important. ... That's not Jack's forté.' Frank said." (*Yachnin and Bresnahan, Roll Call*, 11/16/06)



## Who's Really in Charge? "Dems: Murtha Upstaging Pelosi" Hoyer "Odd Man Out"

"Dems: Murtha Upstaging Pelosi" (*Hearn, Politico, 3/1/07*)

"To put it bluntly, as the former Marine is wont to do, Rep. John Murtha is rankling some of his fellow Democrats who worry his outspokenness sometimes upstages even Speaker Nancy Pelosi." (*Hearn, Politico, 3/1/07*)

"... Murtha... announce(d) his candidacy for majority leader, which appalled Democrats who knew him well. Two prominent Democrats reminded me that Murtha was an unindicted co-conspirator in the 1980 Abscam investigation. He embarrassed himself on NBC's "Meet the Press" last June by suggesting a redeployment of troops from Iraq to Okinawa. A year earlier, the Los Angeles Times reported firms represented by his lobbyist brother received funds approved by Murtha's appropriations subcommittee." (*Novak, 2/21/07*)

"None of this prevented Pelosi from endorsing Murtha for majority leader against heavily favored Rep. Steny Hoyer. When Hoyer won, 149 to 86, in the Democratic caucus, Pelosi and Murtha were seemingly repudiated. But since then, Hoyer has appeared the odd man out in the Democratic caucus." (*Novak, 2/21/07*)



## Democrats Deride "Selling Access" to Lawmakers

Democrats took over in January after a campaign that accused Republicans of fostering a "culture of corruption" in Washington and "selling access" to lawmakers." (*Birnbaum and Solomon, Washington Post, 2/24/07*)



"**Democrats Offer Up Chairmen For Donors**" (*Birnbaum and Solomon, Washington Post, 2/24/07*)

"Financial services companies are inclined to give to me because I'm chairman of the committee important to their interests," said Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank." (*Birnbaum and Solomon, Washington Post, 2/24/07*)

"In the next 10 days alone, Democratic fundraisers will feature the chairmen of the House's financial services panel and the House and Senate tax-writing committees. Senate Democrats also plan a fundraising reception during a major gathering of Native Americans in the capital Tuesday evening, an event hosted by lobbyists and the political action committee for tribal casinos, including those Jack Abramoff was paid to represent.

"Critics deride the aggressive fundraising push as the kind of business as usual that voters rejected at the ballot box last November -- particularly the practice of giving interest groups access to committee chairmen in exchange for sizable donations.

"...but Democrats are unapologetic." (*Birnbaum and Solomon, Washington Post, 2/24/07*)



### **Democrats Promise to Serve the People, Not the Powerful Special Interests**

"We are committed to immediate change to lead this country in a new direction, to put an end to business as usual, and to make certain this nation's leaders serve the people's interests, not special interests. Our responsibility to our constituents and to our nation is to represent all of the people, not just the powerful." (*Portion of A New Direction for America; proposed by House Democrats in the 109th Congress as their plan for the majority, [www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov)*)



### **Return on Investment: Democrats Pay Back Big Labor**

"Unions want to make it easier for labor bosses to streamroll workers who don't share their political views. And Democrats are ready to help, as payback for union support in getting the Democrats back into a congressional majority. By the way, the bill would preserve secret-ballot elections when a union is to be decertified. How's that for fairness?" (*The Oklahoman, Editorial, 2/20/07*)

"'This is payback to labor,' said Gary Chaison, a labor specialist at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., who noted that Democrats took over Congress in 2006 with heavy support from organized labor. 'This has been on labor's agenda for a long time.'" (*Associated Press, 2/26/07*)

"And prior to last year's election, the AFL-CIO, AFSCME and their allies made it clear to Democrats that this vote would be the most important return they expected on their investment in a Nancy Pelosi Speakership. This is payback day." (*The Wall Street Journal, Editorial, 3/1/07*)

"Stop Democrats' Big Labor Payoff ... EFCA is Big Labor's No. 1 legislative priority for the 110th Congress ... California's Miller is a longtime Big Labor favorite, receiving nearly 64 percent of his 2006 campaign war chest from unions and nearly 55 percent during his career, according to OpenSecrets.org. Miller has served his Big Labor donors well this year." (*San Francisco Examiner, Editorial, 3/1/07*)

"The move is clearly a payoff for big labor's help in the election ... The right of workers to organize should be protected. And pro-union workers shouldn't be harassed ... But why are unions so afraid of secret ballots? And why are House Democrats so willing to snatch secret ballot elections away from workers?" (*Detroit News, Editorial, 12/26/06*)



### **Democrats Protect Secret Ballot Elections for Mexican Workers**

2001: Democrat Congressman George Miller wrote a letter urging Mexican officials to protect secret ballot elections for Mexican workers:

"We are writing to encourage you to use the secret ballot in all union recognition elections...we feel that the secret ballot is absolutely necessary in order to ensure that workers are not intimidated into voting for a union they might not otherwise choose." (*Letter from Miller and 15 other Democrats to Mexican officials, August 29, 2001*)



### **In Exchange for Millions of Dollars in Campaign Contributions from Big Labor, Democrats Deny Secret Ballot Elections for American Workers**

2007: In exchange for millions of dollars in campaign contributions from Big Labor, Democrat Labor Committee Chairman George Miller, Speaker Pelosi and a majority of Democrats pass H.R. 800, "The Worker Intimidation Act," denying secret ballot elections for American workers:

The legislation would "...do away with a secret ballot in so-called organizing elections, making it easier for union leaders to pressure co-workers in what should be a free choice." (*Los Angeles Times, Editorial, 3/1/07*)



### **Democrats pledge to "Clean Up Washington and Sever Unethical Ties Between Lawmakers and Lobbyists." ([www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov))**



### **Lobbyists are Running Democrats' Committees, Serving as Leadership Staff**

"...As a lobbyist and strategist for DaimlerChrysler, Dennis B. Fitzgibbons labored to block congressional proposals to mandate the production of more cars that use alternative fuels and to stop the most aggressive efforts to force auto companies to make their vehicles more energy-efficient. Today, Fitzgibbons is chief of staff to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the panel charged with deciding whether automakers should be compelled to do either of those things. Fitzgibbons will be meeting with his old employers soon, and he sees no problem with that." (*Birnbaum, Washington Post, 1/16/07*)

"Former Verizon lobbyist Gregg Rothschild is chief counsel at Energy and Commerce." (*Birnbaum,*

*Washington Post, 1/16/07)*

"The most jaw-dropping hire from K Street, though, is Matt Gelman. Gelman is senior adviser to House Democratic Whip James E. Clyburn (S.C.) and is, in effect, on loan from Microsoft, where he is director of federal government affairs. He's on unpaid leave for a few months from the software giant and will return after he helps build Clyburn's vote-counting operation." (*Birnbaum, Washington Post, 1/16/07)*



### **Pelosi Campaigns Against Waste, Fraud and Abuse: Promises to Handle Taxpayer's Money Responsibly**

Pelosi says: "Democrats are committed to a new direction in the way our government does business so taxpayers' money is handled responsibly."



### **"Pelosi Air" to "Cost Taxpayers Around \$300,000" "First Rate" Travel, "Stewards Who ... Tend an Open Bar"**

The Lap of Luxury at the Taxpayers Expense:

"Well, that didn't take long. After campaigning against the 'waste, fraud, and abuse' of the Bush administration, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi now wants to be cut in on the take.

"...all of this luxury doesn't come cheap. Hourly operating costs for an Air Force C-32 - the planes that typically carry the vice president, the first lady, and Cabinet officials - are about \$15,000 an hour."

"So for one of those planes to fly the speaker home to San Francisco, drop her off, and fly back and get her, would cost taxpayers around \$300,000 - while round-trip commercial fares start at \$233. That doesn't qualify as 'waste and abuse'?" (*Scarborough, The Examiner, 2/5/07)*

Murtha Threatens Pentagon Funding if Pelosi Doesn't Get What She wants:

"A congressional source said that Rep. John P. Murtha, chairman of House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, which controls the Pentagon's spending, has telephoned administration officials to urge them to give the speaker what she wants." (*Scarborough and Hurt, Washington Times, 2/7/07)*

"Murtha said he is convinced the Pentagon has been leaking information about the possibility that Pelosi would use large military planes to make her look bad. But he said, "They're making a mistake when they leak it because she decides on allocations for them," referring to the Pentagon

budget." (Epstein, *San Francisco Chronicle*, 2/8/07)



**Democrats Denounce the "Cozy Relationship Between Congress and Special Interests."**  
([www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov))



**Pelosi Secures Special Interest Exemption for Del Monte, Corp. in Minimum Wage Bill**

"The minimum wage bill passed by the House last week curiously exempts American Samoa, where thousands of people are employed in a packing plant owned by Del Monte Corp., parent of StarKist Tuna. Del Monte just happens to be headquartered in Pelosi's San Francisco." (Editorial, *Investor's Business Daily*, 1/2/07)

"The first eyebrow-cocking issue had to do with the minimum wage, which she'd promised to raise. She'd even taken up the cause of increasing it for all those Asian garment workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas... When the matter came to the House floor, however, workers on American Samoa, toiling just a few hundred miles from the Marianas, found themselves exempted from the paycheck enhancement. It turned out that many of those Samoans worked for StarKist Tuna, whose parent company, Del Monte, is based here in Pelosi's home district." (*The San Francisco Examiner*, 2/13/07)

"The speaker's office quickly claimed the exemption was an oversight — begging the question of how, exactly, one exempts an oversight — and vowed to correct the matter." (*The San Francisco Examiner*, 2/13/07)

The NRCC is watching.



**Democrats Promise to Allow Open Debate and Propose a "Minority Bill of Rights"**

Pelosi vows "to honor if Democrats regain the majority." (Babington, *Washington Post*, 6/24/04)



**Speaker Pelosi Squashes All Debate, Freezes Out Opposition**

Even Harry Reid feels she went to far:

"In private, Senate sources say, Reid has been critical of the Speaker for what he believes was

unnecessary roughness in ramming through her first-100-hours agenda, refusing to allow Republicans to propose amendments and breaking her campaign promise to open up the lawmaking process." (*Tumulty, Time, 1/12/07*)



**Democrat Rules Committee Chairman Louise Slaughter Vows to "End the Influence that Lobbyists Have Brought."** (*Slaughter News Conference, 1/3/07*)



**Slaughter Does an About-Face, Hires a Lobbyist to Run Rules Committee and Influence Every Bill that Comes to the House Floor**

"The chief of staff to the House Rules Committee is Daniel A. Turton, a former lobbyist for Timmons & Co., which represents the American Petroleum Institute and DaimlerChrysler." (*Birnbaum, Washington Post, 1/16/07*)



**Democrats Pledge to Run the "Most Ethical Congress in History."** ([www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov))



**#3 House Democrat's Campaign Cash Helps Reelect FBI Suspect Bill Jefferson**

- ✓ Building Relationships in Diverse Geographic Environments PAC (BRIDGE PAC)(Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C.): \$5,000.00 to Jefferson's reelect, 9/30/06 ([www.politicalmoneyline.com](http://www.politicalmoneyline.com))
- ✓ FRIENDS OF JIM CLYBURN: \$1,000.00 to Jefferson's reelect, 9/29/06 ([www.politicalmoneyline.com](http://www.politicalmoneyline.com))
- ✓ "Voters looked past a federal bribery investigation of Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-La.) and reelected the eight-term congressman in a runoff election." (*Burdeau, Associated Press, 12/10/06*)

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