

March 27, 2012

Illinois House of Representatives Special Investigating Committee

The House Rules for the 97th General Assembly were adopted by a majority of the members of the House on February 8, 2011. Article XII of the House Rules details procedures for disciplinary proceedings against a member of the House. House Rule 91 (a) specifies mandatory creation of a Special Investigating Committee ("Committee") if a petition containing suggested charges is signed by three or more members of the Illinois House. The petition, signed by five members of the Illinois House and filed with the Speaker of the House on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, contains charges which, if true, may subject the member named in the petition to disciplinary action by the House.

Pursuant to House Rule 92 (b), a list of suggested charges is submitted to the Special Investigating Committee for a thorough investigation of all allegations and charges of impropriety concerning Representative Derrick Smith (10th District). Detailed below is the charge brought forward for the Committee's consideration.

In addition, a copy of the sworn criminal complaint (*United States of America v. Derrick Smith*) filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, on March 12, 2012, is submitted to the Committee for its review and consideration. The criminal complaint, made by Special Agent Bryan M. Butler of the Federal Bureau of Investigation before the Honorable Nan R. Nolan, U.S. Magistrate Judge, details the alleged facts of the complaint. It is relevant to the charge and allegations set forth against Representative Smith.

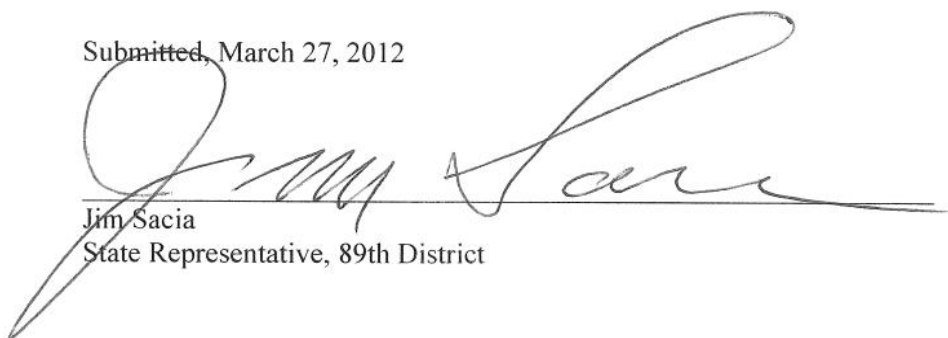
CHARGE

- 1. Representative Smith provided an official letter of support on his letterhead for a daycare owner's application for a state grant from the [Illinois] Capital Development Board in exchange for personally accepting a \$7,000 bribe.**

Conclusion

The acts detailed in this charge constitute a level of misconduct and misuse of the office to which Representative Smith was appointed, a gross breach of the public trust, and a violation of federal and State laws, prompting me to submit this charge to the Special Investigating Committee for its consideration.

Submitted, March 27, 2012


Jim Sacia
State Representative, 89th District