

IN THE MATTER OF  
REPRESENTATIVE GERRY E. STUDDS

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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON  
STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct,  
submitted the following

REPORT

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, acting pursuant to the House Resolution 518, 97th Congress, 2d session, and House Resolution 12, 98th Congress, 1st session, has conducted an investigation of allegations of improper or illegal sexual conduct by Members, officers, or employees of the House of Representatives. In the course of this investigation, the committee received evidence that in 1973 Representative Gerry E. Studds engaged in a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old male page employed by the House of Representatives (who may have been 16 years old when the relationship began); and made sexual advances to two other male pages.

Representative Studds appeared before the committee and admitted the "uncontested facts" that he had a sexual relationship with a male page in 1973. Both Representative Studds and the page have testified that the relationship was consensual and that no preferential treatment of any kind was offered or given to the page. In addition, Representative Studds acknowledged in writing that he made sexual advances to two other male pages in 1973.

The committee finds that any sexual relationship between a Member of the House of Representatives and a congressional page, or any sexual advance by a Member to a page, represents a serious breach of the duty owed by the House and its individual Members to the young people who serve the House as pages. Such conduct brings discredit upon the House of Representatives, in violation of clause 1 of the Code of Official Conduct of the House.

The committee has therefore voted, 11 to 1, to recommend to the House that Representative Studds be reprimanded. The adoption of this report shall constitute such a reprimand.

Accordingly, the committee recommends that the House adopt a resolution in the following form.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives adopt the Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct dated July 14, 1983, In the Matter of Representative Gerry E. Studds.