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Fiscal Scandals Taint Republican Party

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On September 28th, U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R), along with two associates, John Colyandro (R) and Jim Ellis (R), received an indictment on the charge of conspiracy to break Texas laws regarding political campaign funding in 2002. The law forbids any corporations from giving donations to a Texas state candidate's campaign.

According to the prosecution, led by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle (D), several companies, including Sears Roebuck, gave \$155,000 to Texans for a Republican Majority, a Political Action Committee (PAC). Created by

Essentially, this transfer of funds appears to be an act of money laundering, in which the PAC indirectly donated companies' contributions to Texas candidates within just 60 days of general elections. If found guilty of conspiring to take part in such a scheme, Representative DeLay will lose his position, be fined \$10,000 and could face up to two years in prison. As of now, he has temporarily stepped down as majority leader.

In Washington, another fiscal scandal has arisen involving Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R). With charges similar to those against Martha Stewart, Senator Frist has been accused by federal prosecutors, as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), of financial



Bill Frist (R), pictured above, may run for President in the 2008 election.

financial link to HCA would sway his decisions. However, mounting evidence suggests that illegal information may have been used as motivation to dump his shares of stock.

For example, Bill Frist's father and brother have been heavily involved in HCA since its founding. Also, for several months leading up to Frist's election, Bill

MATH IS INTENSE

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So what if Mathletes isn't a real sport? So what, man? They still win competitions, as proved by their triumphant first place win at October 5th's first meet of the year at VAPAC! They still have team spirit! Well, sort of. "I do it for the awesome snacks," said Mathlete Keith Lui (12)...and Tim Nguyen (12), and Ryan Wilson (11) and Anthony Pham (11).

They may not be extremely competitive, more motivated by brownies than the prospect of math glory, but they were happy to win. It was the CB team's first