

Before the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee
State of Georgia

Complaint

In re: Glenn Richardson

Comes now Bobby Kahn and for his complaint against Glenn Richardson shows:

1.

Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson abused his office by entering into an inappropriate relationship with a lobbyist and acting on behalf of that lobbyist's employer.

2.

Rep. Richardson was ethically obligated to serve the interests of the people of the State of Georgia. Instead, he acted in a manner inappropriate to his office.

3.

Specifically, Speaker Richardson co-sponsored House Bill 1325 during the 2006 legislative session. That bill would have financed a \$300 million pipeline for Atlanta Gas Light. It is common knowledge that Speaker Richardson engaged in a personal relationship with a lobbyist for the utility advocating passage of the bill. This action constituted a clear conflict of interest.

4.

The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee is required “to investigate all complaints....” O.C.G.A. § 45-10-93(b)(2). Specifically, it is required “to conduct an investigation of the merits of a written complaint by any person who believes that a violation of this part has occurred.” O.C.G.A. § 45-10-93(b)(6)(A).

WHEREFORE, the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee should investigate the actions of Glenn Richardson and, when found at fault, determine an appropriate penalty.

The foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and belief this ____ day of January 2007.

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Sworn to and subscribed
before me this ___ day of
January 2007.

Notary