

3 decades of corruption:

Members of Congress who faced felony charges since 1980 and the timing of their indictments with elections.

OFFICE HOLDER	CHARGES	WHEN BROUGHT	TIMING	OUTCOME
Rep. Rick Renzi , R-Ariz.	Extortion, fraud, money laundering, other crimes.	2/22/2008	8½ months before 2008 election.	Trial pending.
Rep. William Jefferson , D-La.	16 charges, including bribery, racketeering, conspiracy, money laundering, obstruction of justice and other offenses.	6/4/2007	17 months before 2008 election. He was last re-elected in November 2006, 6 months after his congressional office was searched.	Trial is on hold while he appeals the charges.
Rep. Bob Ney , R-Ohio	Conspiracy and failure to report gifts.	9/15/2006	Said in June 2006 he'd run that November even if indicted. Quit 2 months later.	Agreed to plead guilty 9/15/06, 3 weeks before the election. Due to be released from prison Aug. 16.
Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham , R-Calif.	Tax evasion, conspiracy.	11/28/2005	1 year before 2006 election.	Pleaded guilty and resigned 11/28/05. Incarcerated in Tucson with a release date of 6/4/2013.
Rep. Tom DeLay , R-Texas, Majority Leader	Criminal conspiracy (Texas law).	9/28/2005	13 months before 2006 election.	Trial pending in Texas.
Rep. James Traficant , D-Ohio	10 counts including bribery, obstruction and racketeering.	5/4/2001	18 months before 2002 election.	Convicted and serving an 8-year sentence at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn.
Rep. Mel Reynolds , D-Ill.	Statutory rape, child porn, obstruction.	8/19/1994	2½ months before 1994 election, which he won unopposed.	Convicted 8/22/95 and sentenced to 5 years. He attempted to win back his seat in 2004 but was defeated.
Rep. Walter Tucker , D-Calif.	10 counts including extortion and tax evasion stemming from his service as mayor of Compton, Calif.	8/11/1994	3 months before 1994 election, which he won.	Convicted and sentenced to 27 months on 4/18/96.
Rep. Dan Rostenkowski , D-Ill	17 counts related to the House Post Office scandal.	6/1/1994	5 months before election, which he lost.	Pleaded guilty in 1996 to reduced charge of mail fraud and sentenced to 17 months. Pardoned by President Clinton in 2000.
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison , R-Texas	Official misconduct and evidence tampering (state charges related to her former state office).	9/27/1993	13 months before 1994 election.	State judge directed verdict of acquittal in 1994 without a trial. Hutchison now serving her third full term.
Sen. Dave Durenberger , R-Minn	Conspiracy and false claims against the government.	4/2/1993	19 months before 1994 election.	Pleaded guilty in 1995 to misuse of public funds, sentenced to 1 year probation.
Rep. Nicholas Mavroules , D-Mass.	Bribery, tax evasion, influence peddling.	8/27/1992	3 weeks before the 1992 Massachusetts Democratic primary and 2 months before the 1992 general election, which he lost.	Pleaded guilty in 1993 to failing to report the use of free cars as income and accepting a gratuity. Served 11 months of a 15-month prison sentence.
Rep. Joe McDade , R-Pa.	Racketeering, conspiracy, accepting illegal gratuities.	5/5/1992	6 months before 1992 election, when he was re-elected.	Acquitted in 1996, retired in 1999.
Rep. Floyd Flake , D-N.Y.	Embezzlement and fraud involving a senior-citizen project and his church.	8/2/1990	3 months before 1990 election, which he easily won.	Government dropped all charges after judge ruled the use of the church funds was proper.
Rep. Harold Ford Sr , D-Tenn.	Bank, tax and mail fraud.	4/24/1987	18 months before 1988 election, which he won.	Acquitted in 1993, retired in 1996.
Sen. Harrison Williams , D-N.J.	Conspiracy and bribery in Abscam sting.	10/30/1980	2 years.	Convicted in 1981 on 9 counts, though he continued to maintain his innocence. Sentenced to 3 years, the first senator to be imprisoned in 80 years.
Rep. Richard Kelly , R-Fla.	Bribery in Abscam sting.	7/15/1980	Less than 4 months.	Convicted of bribery and served 13 months.
Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. , D-N.J.	Conspiracy and bribery Abscam sting.	6/18/1980	Less than 5 months. Defeated in the 1980 election by a Republican challenger whom he beat easily in 1978.	Convicted in 1980 of bribery and conspiracy and served 2 years of a 3-year sentence. Continued to maintain his innocence.
Rep. John Murphy , D-N.Y.	Conspiracy and bribery in Abscam sting.	6/18/1980	Less than 5 months. He lost.	Convicted in 1980 of conspiracy and sentenced to 3 years.
Rep. John Jenrette , D-S.C.	Conspiracy and bribery in Abscam sting.	6/13/1980	Less than 2 weeks to primary runoff, 5 months to general, which he lost.	Convicted in 1980 and served 13 months of a 2-year sentence.
Rep. Raymond Lederer , D-Pa.	Bribery and racketeering in Abscam sting.	5/28/1980	Less than 6 months. He won re-election but resigned after conviction.	Convicted in 1981 and sentenced to 3 years.
Rep. Michael "Ozzie" Myers , D-Pa.	Bribery and racketeering in Abscam sting.	5/27/1980	Less than 6 months. He lost re-election.	Convicted in 1980 and sentenced to 3 years.