STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

93-4

July 12, 1993

P R E S S R E L E A S E

On July 9, 1993, Ethics Commission Staff Attorney Rachel S. Rubin filed a complaint against Representative Edward C. Krawiecki, Jr.

Based on the staff investigation and the circumstantial evidence resulting from that investigation, the Commission and the Respondent agreed to settle this matter. A copy of the complaint and stipulation are attached.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

Rachel S. Rubin
Supervising Attorney
566-4472

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IN THE MATTER OF A	)	97 ELM STREET (REAR)
COMPLAINT AGAINST	)	HARTFORD, CT 06106
EDWARD C. KRAWIECKI, JR.	)	July 12, 1993

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent, Representative Edward C. Krawiecki, agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

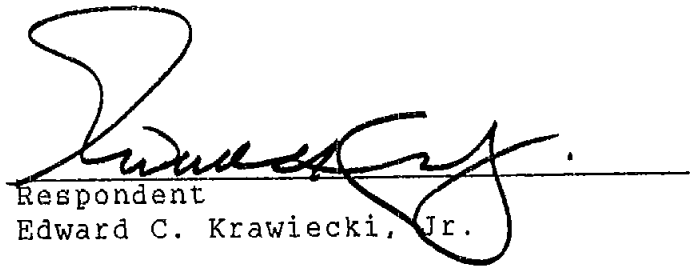
1. The Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the attached Complaint dated July 9, 1993.

2. While the Respondent does not admit the allegations contained in the Complaint, the Respondent does not contest the Commission's Findings in this matter. Additionally, the Respondent admits that the Commission's staff investigation has produced circumstantial evidence which, if believed, could lead a trier of facts to conclude that the violations alleged in the attached Complaint had, in fact, occurred.

3. The Respondent and the Commission waive any rights they may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a, 1-87, 1-88 and 1-80, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and the Respondent agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters, and Representative Edward C. Krawiecki, Jr. agrees to, the following order in lieu of any other action it is authorized to take with respect to the Respondent:

The Ethics Commission orders and the Respondent agrees to pay to the Commission, a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) within thirty days.



Respondent
Edward C. Krawiecki, Jr.

7/12/93.
Dated

Christopher T. Donohue, Chairperson
State Ethics Commission

7/12/93
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COMPLAINT

1. Edward C. Krawiecki, Jr. (hereinafter referred to as the Respondent) was a member of the General Assembly during April and May, 1993. Consequently, the Respondent was a public official as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79(k) and therefore, subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Chapter 10, Part I, Connecticut General Statutes.

2. The Respondent has a private law practice located in Bristol, Ct.

3. On or about April 19, 1993, the Respondent was put on notice of a potential claim for malpractice by a former client.

4. Through its attorney, in the notice described in paragraph 3, the former client stated its intent to file a malpractice claim for monetary damages against the Respondent. Under Connecticut law, said claim had a maximum sixth year statute of limitation.

5. An amendment to Substitute House Bill No. 7198 was adopted in the Senate on April 28, 1993; The House of Representatives adopted the amendment to the Bill on May 3, 1993.

6. The amendment described in paragraph 5 required a cause of action against an attorney for malpractice to be brought no later than five years from the date of the act or omission.

7. More than five years but less than six years had elapsed from the date of the act or omission which the former client alleged was the basis for the malpractice claim described in paragraph 4.

8. The effective date for the amendment described in paragraph 5 was the date of passage of the Bill. The Respondent had reason to believe or expect that this would have prevented the former client from filing his malpractice suit against the Respondent.

9. In his capacity as a member of the General Assembly and minority leader of the House of Representatives, the Respondent had asked an attorney in the office of the House Republicans to research and draft the amendment described in paragraphs 5 and 6.

10. The Respondent's action described in paragraph 9 was official activity which was in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-85.

11. The Respondent had also contacted one or more public officials to help ensure passage of the amendment described in paragraph 5.

12. The conduct described in paragraph 11 was a use of office in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c).

7/9/93
Dated

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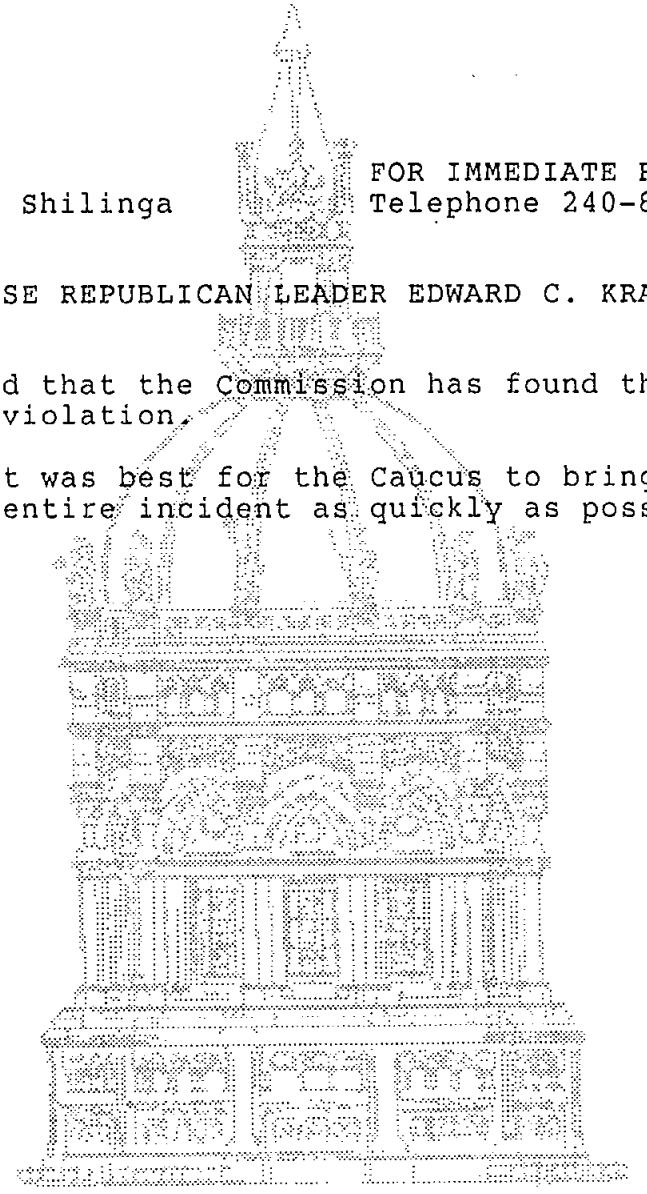
House Republican Leader



July 12, 1993 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
INFORMATION: Joe Shilinga Telephone 240-8700

STATEMENT OF HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER EDWARD C. KRAWIECKI, JR.

I am pleased that the Commission has found that it was not an intended violation.

I thought it was best for the Caucus to bring complete closure to this entire incident as quickly as possible.