

The Day

SIMMONS' FOUL LANGUAGE

IN WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF DAVID LIGHTMAN'S APRIL 17 REPORT ON U.S. REP. ROB SIMMONS' CLOSE TIES TO HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER TOM DELAY, SIMMONS REFERS TO ETHICS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST DELAY AND, IN THE PAST, HIMSELF AS "BULL----" AND "CRAP" [PAGE 1, "DEMOCRATS' DELAY STRATEGY TARGETS SIMMONS"].

MOST PEOPLE I HAVE TALKED TO FIND SIMMONS' FOUL LANGUAGE UNBECOMING AND INAPPROPRIATE FOR A U.S. CONGRESSMAN. HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND REPRESENTING CONNECTICUT IN WASHINGTON WITH AT LEAST SOME PERSONAL DIGNITY.

I DON'T KNOW WHICH I FIND MORE DISTURBING: ROB SIMMONS' CONTINUED UNWILLINGNESS TO STAND UP TO THE ETHICALLY DAMAGED TOM DELAY OR HIS DEFENSIVE USE OF PROFANE LANGUAGE IN SUPPORTING THE DISGRACED HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER.

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