

April 7, 2003

Ethics
Committee

1. Erickson,
2. Minutes 3/31/03
Davids — (OK) all

3. Introductions

4. Explanation and Order of Business

5. Complaints — motions
Pugh

Mahoney — motions

Entenza — "Kangaroo Court"

Ellison — presentation —

Lindner has disgraced body conduct calls for discipline. House has right to speak too — we say there is a question mark hanging over the body.

Display boards — quotes from Lindner.

Newspaper quotes
Individuals' quotes

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LATZ — referred to packet submitted last week — contained letters, articles.

Read from them.

NAACP — "narrow mindedness"

(one quote — referred to "Reverend Lindner")

Lindner has "crossed line" of correct speech

GLBT of U of M — misleading to public.

Also — comments on medical facts about African continent

Hinde Krieborg (?) — survivor of holocaust
Minnesota

will fight for free speech; hardest thing is to live in a democracy.

Comments on revising an existing law (ref: Lindner Bill).

Pink Triangle did exist

Referred to book "Pink Swastika"

Rev. Gallman —

concern w/ Lindner. There should be some discipline

Latz — this is not about HF 341 or about Lindner's beliefs

Latz - not about complainant's motives

Conduct

Disrupt

Reflected poorly on House

We seek censure

- Removal from chair of his committee

Enforce rules Ref: (2.31) including re: speech

Comments unacceptable

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1945 quote —
they came for... and I did not
speak.

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Did Rep.
Linder
denied
holocaust?

Respondent questions —
from Attorney to each Complainant
— Ellison, Latz, Entenza,

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Anderson — did Lindner deny any homosexuals were killed in Holocaust

Latz — his remarks speak for themselves

Anderson — your complaint was a cut and paste job?

Gollman —

Mrs Kieburg — willing to testify

Dauids — question witnesses? Gollman not here.

Anderson — Kieburg — questions — did she have an opinion on Lindner?
yes.

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Committee Questions —

Rhodes → Mrs Kieburg — freedom of speech — everybody is entitled to opinion Lindner cannot as a Rep express what he did. I expect more

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Davids → Mc Knight — House "Oath"
and rule that members should not
be questioned in any other place —
— censure proposed?

Davids - we have a member who
referred to state officials w/ slurrish
names. where is the outrage?

Davids - outrageous = Lindner's
comments. stupid. I don't
condone and Gov caucus does
not condone.

Latz - agree w/ Davids —

Pugh - re: Davids — right to free speech—
can be "abridged" — how can
speech be subject to discipline?

Ellison - response — he will
lose no right if Ethics Comm. censures
Lindner.

Mahoney → Kieberg — pink triangles
vs. yellow stars?

committee question ⁽⁶⁾

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Murphy — was any harm done?

Ellison — his remarks went out
of Minnesota — noted picture
boards.

Erickson → anyone?

First comt — "name calling" allowed
on Home Floor?

Ellison — NO

Entenza — referred to Mason's —
Linder's conduct brought us — to
disrepute — referred to Bertram
case

Latz - Ellison - objection

Respondent — presentation
books handed out

Lindner — read statement —
contends his remarks were
edited

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Lindner — read statement —
quoted Bible — Jews

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end.

Anderson —

housekeeping items —

① Burden on complainants — to
show what happened

showed a Board from first Ethics
complaints — not speech items
history

Requested subpoenas — not aware
of any denial anywhere. Party line

Democrats on committee have set a
precedent — on subpoenas.

Falsity of charges:

Referred to documents in the
materials handed out — presented a
video tape — noted transcript (p. 113)
Played tape ... Home Session.

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~~continued Respondent~~
~~(tape of House Session)~~

Anderson - complaint is a "cut and paste job"

do you remember "Big Lie" tactics -
Lindner's words were carefully deleted

Lindner's name was tainted state wide

Hurtful and harmful to Lindner

We attempted to present information to
media — Star Tribune particular &

Anderson sat in gallery on 3-31-03
referred to comment by Kahn to
Bondreau.

What liberals don't like —
will

— Falsity of Holocaust never occurring
cited information given to committee
(by Latz / Ellison)

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Respondent, cont'd

Anderson — falsity of charges

Linder was questioning extent
homosexuals were persecuted not
whether they were

"As to Rep. Clark" — see p. 9 of
complaint

cited data from National Holocaust
Museum... Number of gays, etc who
were killed

Aids in African — addressed

Karen Anderson — wife of Attorney
and his secretary —
what happened w/ the letter w/ wrong
name for Neva Walker —
did not check work

Rep Walker — comments —
Anderson do you believe Linder is racist

Rayna



QUESTIONS by COMMITTEE

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Daivids — comments on Euteneir's remarks
— question to Anderson

Pugh — do you feel you have had
enough time?

cutting / pasting of testimony —

didn't you stop reading Rep.

Clark's remarks?

Anderson → yes.

Pugh — next sentence read by
Clark — refers to many other
groups

Anderson — response

"
Pugh — "cutting and pasting" —
you stopped tape —
Anderson — the complainants got
it right...

Pugh → Lindner — re: March 11
comment in StarTrib (on Board)
Lindner responded

committee questions

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Pugh → Lindner —

Murphy → Anderson — re: Karen Anderson
where did "B" come from?

Anderson — explained — had
designations by certain name

[Rhodes — comment — serious stuff —
do not appreciate snickering, etc.
— question — racism, complaint —

we should see entire video.

What does "Censure" mean?

— Deb McKnight — AB part
12 of Rules

Mahoney → Lindner — what books
have you read on the Holocaust —
recall 1945 — after info started
coming out.
Read "Pink Swastika"

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Mahoney cont'd — what

Closing Remarks — Complainants

Ellison —

ask for censure

that statements be formally
disapproved — so this can
go to House Floor —

(presented Boards again)

Disrepute

What will this committee do —
that's what people want to know.

Referred to "Africa Contment" —
comment. Insulting. Africa is
not a disease.

Where is your apology?

Dis honor.

Ellison called

what Karen Clark meant — "brothers
and sisters" — Manikind
LATZ — probable cause hearing.

you have 2 things to do —

➤ what was said? truth

> ~~do~~ statements tend to support disciplinary action

Standards of conduct

Holocaust Denial = a canard

➤ Below ^① House norms

② Dishonor.

— Voluminous public response

= Definition of "Holocaust" is
not issue here.

Language used by Lindner —
form of Holocaust Denial

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Latz cont'd —

referred to "Pink Swatstake"

— offensive, bigoted

555 Entenza —

(to Rhodes) — serious matter

(Boards put up again)

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Linder remarks on 3/7 in
Star Tribune and 3/10/03 on
Floor.

Read various statements of
notable persons

— Shameful conduct —
i.e., not acceptable

played tape — Sviggum — on Paulik
Case — "false statements" —
proposing Bertram's expulsion

Entenza —

noted Bertram case —

G. Davids' vote — minority
report.

Committee needs to —

Closing Remarks - Respondent

Anderson — played tape —
of a radio interview —

KSTP — morning program —

→ Entenza — objected — new evidence

partial transcript — for the edited
tape — Anderson — have the
entire tape (program)

> Erickson — close hearing
Ellison — asked for rebuttal

9:50pm Pugh — noted time
noted materials submitted
noted tapes (radio, especially)

Suggest we adjourn

└ Recess more appropriate —

so we can

Rhodes — concur — but how would we do it?

└ should do as a committee

└ Pugh — agree.

Mahoney — get tapes copies

Dauids — agree w/ Pugh — recess

Recess 9:53