

# Katie Hill Becomes the First Female Member of Congress to Quit Over a Sex Scandal



Katie Hill, a progressive Democrat Representative from California, is the first woman in Congress to resign due to a sex scandal. On Sunday, she announced that she would leave her office in the wake of a House Ethics Committee investigation into her alleged participation in sexual relationships with her male legislative director and her female campaign staffer.  
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Rep. Katie Hill is the first female member of Congress to resign from office over a sex scandal, a move that several male lawmakers have made throughout U.S. history.

The California Democrat announced her resignation on Sunday amid a House Ethics Committee investigation into her alleged affair with her legislative director, and after news broke that she had also engaged in a three-way relationship with her husband and a campaign staffer.

Hill, 32, denied last week that she ever had an inappropriate relationship with her legislative director Graham Kelly and blamed her “abusive husband” Kenny Heslep for launching a “smear campaign” against her with the rumor. She has, however, admitted to the relationship with the campaign staffer after naked photographs from their relationship were published.

The House Ethics Committee announced on Oct. 23 an investigation into allegations of an affair with Kelly, which is prohibited by House rules, making her the first woman in Congress to face a House Ethics Committee inquiry into a sexual relationship. However, the freshman Democrat will exit her first term before the investigation culminates.

Dozens of members of Congress have been involved in Capitol Hill sex scandals, with many choosing to resign from their positions. While members of both parties have been implicated, those who resigned as a result, to date, have all been men. Read full article here...

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## Democrat Senator Al Franken Is Accused of Sexually Assaulting Female Radio Show Host



Senator Al Franken (D-MN) is accused of sexually assaulting radio show host, Leeann Tweedon, while on a 2006 USO tour in the Middle East. Franken was a comic at the time before his political career. Tweedon says he wrote many of the skits that had sexual content. One of the scripts required the pair to kiss, and he badgered her to rehearse the kiss. When she relented, he forced his tongue into her mouth. Later, while

she was asleep on an airplane, he photographed himself groping her breasts and even posted the photo online. Franken says it was supposed to be funny.□

Al Franken is asking for an ethics committee to investigate him. Mitch McConnell, the Senate Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer, the Senate Minority Leader, and other top Democrats also want a Senate ethics probe. But don't be fooled. This is merely a ploy to make it look like the politicians really care about such things when the real intent is merely to put the issue out of sight long enough so that the public forgets about it. Between 2007 and 2016, the Senate Ethics Committee received 613 allegations and performed 75 preliminary investigations. Not even one sanction was ever imposed on anyone. [That's one of the reasons Washington DC is known as the swamp.] -GEG

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From the Daily Wire:

## **DON'T BE FOOLED: Democratic Calls For An Ethics Committee On Franken Are Total Meaningless Garbage. This One Statistic Shows Why.**

So, we now have not merely a credible allegation of sexual harassment, but an evidenced one, this one by Sen. Al Franken (D-MN): KABC radio host Leanne Tweeden released a picture of Franken apparently attempting to grab her breasts while she slept while both were on a USO tour; she also accuses Franken of forcibly ramming his tongue into her mouth during a rehearsal for a skit on that tour. Franken has apologized – well, sort of – and said that he respects women.

Have Democrats reacted with the same kind of ardor and alacrity to the Franken accusations to which they reacted to the Roy Moore allegations of underage sexual abuse? To read the headlines, you might think so: many Democrats are calling for a Senate ethics investigation. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) stated, "Sexual harassment is never

acceptable and must not be tolerated. I hope and expect that the Ethics Committee will fully investigate this troubling incident as they should with any credible allegation of sexual harassment.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell also called for an ethics probe, as did Democratic Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), among others.

*Wow, you might say. Those Democrats – they sure take sexual harassment allegations seriously, unlike those mean, nasty Republicans!*

Yeah, no.

Here’s what you need to know about ethics investigations: they never go anywhere. Don’t believe me? Between 2007 and 2016, the Senate Ethics Committee imposed zero sanctions against anyone. Zero. Nada. Zip. Zilch. That despite 613 allegations, and 75 preliminary investigations. Here’s the USA Today report:

*The committee’s activity reports indicate that in nearly every case, allegations are dismissed because there are not enough facts to prove wrongdoing (13 of 55 cases last year) or there is no Senate rule governing the alleged activity (36 of 55 cases). In seven cases last year, the Ethics Committee carried out “preliminary inquiries;” five of those were dismissed as inadvertent or minor technical violations. None of those cases was made public by the committee.*

The House Ethics Committee is far more active:

*By comparison, from January 2013 through December 2014, the House Ethics Committee launched 53 investigations, created four subcommittees to probe specific matters and issued 19 “publicly disclosed resolutions” as well as 43 resolutions that were confidential, according to an activities report it issued a year ago.*

So a Senate ethics investigation is where allegations go to die.

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