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<p>What's happened to Phil Crane? Now it's special interest junkets?</p>	<p>Chicago Tribune: "Crane's frequent flying is disclosed; Legislative junkets topped \$109,000." On September 24, 2004 the Chicago Tribune reported that Rep. Phil Crane's legislative junkets topped \$109,000. The paper wrote, "U.S. Rep. Phil Crane is the most traveled member of the Illinois congressional delegation--at least at others' expense. Since 2000, the Wauconda Republican has taken more than \$109,000 in lobbyist and private-interest sponsored trips to such destinations as Rome, Scotland and Antigua, according to federal records." [<i>Chicago Tribune</i>, 9/29/04]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crane Ranked 19th Among All Members Of Congress For Money He Accepted For Trips. According to the <i>Chicago Tribune</i>, Rep. Crane ranked 19th among all members of Congress for money he has taken for travel. The paper wrote, "The program examined the travel disclosures of all members of the House and Senate from January 2000 to July. Of the 582 current and former members examined, Crane ranked 19th for the amount of money he accepted for trips." [<i>Chicago Tribune</i>, 9/29/04]
<p>The Tribune says, "Crane's interest in serving his constituents has evaporated...he has gotten lazy and is out-of-touch."</p>	<p>Chicago Tribune: "Crane's Interest In Serving His Constituents Has Evaporated." In their October 11, 2004 endorsement of Melissa Bean the Chicago Tribune wrote, "The Tribune has admired and supported Crane's strong advocacy of free trade. But it has become evident that Crane's interest in serving his constituents has evaporated. He has used his seat in Congress as a cozy sinecure. In the last four years he has taken more than \$109,000 in trips to spots around the world paid for by lobbyists and other private interests." [<i>Chicago Tribune</i>, 10/11/04]</p> <p>Chicago Tribune: "Crane Has Gotten Lazy And Is Out-Of-Touch." In their October 11, 2004 endorsement of Melissa Bean the <i>Chicago Tribune</i> wrote, " Republican leaders privately</p>

	<p>acknowledge that Crane has gotten lazy and is out of touch with his constituents. The leaders have not been successful at shaking him out of his lethargy. It's time for a change. [<i>Chicago Tribune</i>, 10/11/04]</p>
<p>The Pioneer Press condemns Crane for voting for "bills that serve campaign contributors...rather than his constituents.</p>	<p><i>Pioneer Press Said Crane Votes With His Campaign Contributors Not Constituents.</i> In a <i>Pioneer Press</i> editorial the paper said of Rep. Crane, "He has voted for some bills that serve campaign contributors' interests rather than his constituents" [<i>Pioneer Press</i>, 10/14/04]</p>
<p>...like one to make it easier for oil companies to drill in Lake Michigan."</p>	<p>2001: Crane Voted To Make It Easier For Oil Companies To Drill In Lake Michigan. On June 28, 2001 Rep. Crane voted for legislation that made it easier to drill for oil in Lake Michigan. [H.AMDT.127 to H.R.2311, 6/28/2001, Roll No. 203]</p>
<p>Phil Crane. Out-of-state. Out-of-touch.</p> <p>The League of Conservation Voters is responsible for the content of this advertisement.</p>	