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<p>HEADLINE: “BIG TOBACCO’S SWEETHEART,” <i>SOURCE:</i> St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editorial, 6/13/03</p>	<p>Congressman Roy Blunt. He got caught trying to insert a secret deal for tobacco giant Phillip Morris into a bill just</p>	<p>Editorial Headline - BIG TOBACCO'S SWEETHEART: “That congressional Republicans are raising questions about Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, the third-ranking Republican in the House, is a measure of how deeply Mr. Blunt has stepped into the muck. Mr. Blunt, the GOP powerhouse from Strafford in southwest Missouri, is the party's whip and a close ally of Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas. Last fall, without telling Mr. DeLay or Speaker Dennis Hastert, Mr. Blunt tried to sneak an amendment at the last minute into the bill creating the Department of Homeland Security. The amendment would have made it harder to sell cigarettes on the Internet, and would have cracked down on black market tobacco products. The problem wasn't so much the substance of the amendment, which might reduce underage smoking. Rather it was the way Mr. Blunt tried to sneak it past the House. Mr. Hastert removed the provision as soon as he learned about it. But, according to The <u>Washington Post</u>, House leaders have tried to keep Mr. Blunt's actions secret for fear of being accused of using homeland security to benefit big tobacco companies.”</p> <p>➤ Amendment Would Have Padded Philip Morris’ Bottom Line: “Whether such sales help terrorists is not clear. It is clear that Mr. Blunt's stealth amendment would have padded the bottom line of tobacco giants like Philip Morris USA, whose products annually kill 144 times more Americans than al-Qaida did. There also are questions about Mr. Blunt's close connections to Philip Morris. After splitting in 2002 with Roseann Blunt, his wife of 35 years, Mr. Blunt began dating Abigail Perlman, the former finance director for the National Republican Congressional Committee. She is now director of governmental affairs for Philip Morris Management Corp., the company's lobbying arm. And Mr. Blunt's younger son, Andrew Blunt, a recent graduate of the University of Missouri Law School, is a lobbyist for Philip Morris in Jefferson City.” [<u>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</u>, Editorial, 6/13/03]</p> <p>Philip Morris Would Have Benefitted From Blunt’s Provision More Than Any Other Company. According to the <u>Washington Post</u>, “Scruggs said in an interview that the provision was "pretty important to us." Philip Morris, the nation's largest cigarette producer, would have benefitted from the measure more than any other company.” [<u>Washington Post</u>, 6/11/03]</p>
<p>SUPER: Days after</p>	<p>days after company</p>	<p>Blunt Received \$30,400 in Contributions From Thirty-Seven Philip Morris and Kraft</p>

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<p>company executives gave him \$30,000 <i>SOURCE: FEC.gov</i></p>	<p>executives gave him over \$30,000</p>	<p>Executives. Between October 18, 2002 and November 8, 2002, Blunt received contributions to his PAC from thirty-seven executives employed by Philip Morris and Kraft (owned by Philip Morris). The contributions totaled \$30,400. [CQ Moneyline, Accessed 6/1/10]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ October 25: Thirty Contributions From Philip Morris and Kraft Executives Donated on the Same Day. According to campaign finance records, thirty executives employed by Philip Morris and Kraft contributed to Blunt’s PAC on October 25, 2002. [CQ Moneyline, Accessed 6/1/10] <p>Donations Included Contribution from Philip Morris Chief Lobbyist John Scruggs. The October 25, 2002 contributions to Blunt’s PAC from Philip Morris executives included a \$1,000 contribution from John Scruggs, chief Washington lobbyist for Philip Morris. [CQ Moneyline, Accessed 6/1/10]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lobbyist Scruggs Later Described Cigarette Provision Blunt Tried to Insert as “Pretty Important to Us.”As reported by the <u>Washington Post</u>, “Scruggs said in an interview that the provision was ‘pretty important to us.’ Philip Morris, the nation's largest cigarette producer, would have benefited from the measure more than any other company.” [Washington Post, 6/11/03]
<p>Picture remains. Change SUPER: Voted to weaken the rules on lobbyist gifts. <i>SOURCE: Washington Post, 1/8/03; HRS 5, Vote #4, 1/07/03</i></p>	<p>He voted to weaken the rules on lobbyist gifts.</p>	<p>Blunt Supported Weakening House Ethics Rules. In 2003, Cong. Blunt voted in favor of new House rules that allowed lobbyists to cater meals to members’ offices and let charities pay for lawmakers to travel and stay at golf resorts and other locales. The measure allowed outside interests to pay for “perishable food or refreshments offered to members of an office.” For example, in 2002, a lobbying firm representing pharmaceutical interests sent a dinner for House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert’s (R-IL) staff while they were working late on a prescription drug bill. According to the <u>Washington Post</u>, the move sparked a protest from public watchdog groups who “argued that the changes would undermine efforts to eliminate influence-peddling on Capitol Hill.” [Washington Post, 1/8/03, HRS 5, Vote #4, 1/07/03]</p>
<p>HEADLINE. Defense Contractor Sentenced to 12 Years for Bribery</p>	<p>Rode corporate jets provided by a defense contractor convicted of bribery</p>	<p>Blunt Accepted Private Jet Flights With Wilkes’ Company: Blunt also twice accepted private jet flights from Wilkes’ private jet company, Group W Transportation. [AP, 4/9/05]</p> <p>Blunt Subpoenaed in Wilkes’ Trial But Refused to Comply: Blunt was subpoenaed to testify</p>

<p><i>SOURCE:</i> The Washington Post, 2/20/08</p>		<p>in the trial of Brent Wilkes, the California defense contractor who was later convicted of bribing Congressman Randy “Duke” Cunningham with \$700,000 in cash and perks in exchange for millions in earmarks for his defense companies. Blunt, along with 12 other subpoenaed members of Congress, did not comply. The U.S. House lawyers argued that the Constitution protects members of Congress from being forced to disclose communications that are part of their official duties. Wilkes’ lawyers had refused to disclose what questions he planned to ask lawmakers. [AP, 9/18/07]</p> <p>Washington Post Headline: “Defense Contractor Sentenced to 12 Years for Bribery” [February 20, 2008]</p>
<p>Picture remains. SUPER: More money from lobbyists than any member of Congress. w/ USA Today banner. SOURCE: USA Today, 10/4/09</p>	<p>And he’s taken more money from lobbyists than any member of Congress.</p>	<p>New Lobbyist Disclosures Show Cong. Blunt Took More Lobbyist Money than Any Member of Congress or Candidate: In October, USA Today reported that Blunt had taken more money from lobbyists in 2009 last year than any other candidate or member of Congress. In fact, Blunt reported more “bundled” money from lobbyists than both the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican National Committee. [USA Today, 10/4/09]</p> <p>Cong. Blunt Ranks #1 in Lobbyist Contributions In House This Cycle: According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Cong. Blunt has taken more contributions from lobbyist than any other member of the House of Representatives this cycle. [Center for Responsive Politics]</p>