

## STATUS OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST GINGRICH

**COMPLAINT:** Filed Sept. 7, 1994, by former representative *Ben Jones (D-Ga.)*, who was running against Gingrich.

**ISSUE:** Whether the financing of Gingrich's college course with tax-deductible charitable contributions violated federal law prohibiting tax exempt charities from furthering a partisan agenda.

On Sept. 26, 1996, the committee voted to expand its investigation to include whether Gingrich "provided accurate, reliable and complete information concerning the course entitled 'Renewing American Civilization,' GOPAC's relationship to the course . . . or the Progress and Freedom Foundation in the course of communicating with the committee, directly or through counsel."

**ACTION:** The ethics subcommittee found yesterday that Gingrich "engaged in conduct that did not reflect credibly on the House of Representatives." The subcommittee said Gingrich failed to seek and follow legal advice in regard to his college course that would have ensured that he did not violate federal tax law. The subcommittee did not address the question of whether the activities violated tax law. The subcommittee also stated that information "transmitted to the ethics committee by and on behalf of Mr. Gingrich . . . was inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable."

**COMPLAINT:** Filed Jan. 31, 1996, by *House Minority Whip David E. Bonior* and *Reps. (D-Mich.), George Miller (D-Calif.), Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.), Rosa L. DeLauro (D-Conn.) and John Lewis (D-Ga.)*.

**ISSUE:** Whether Gingrich received improper gifts, support and contributions from GOPAC.

**ACTION:** On Sept. 28, 1996, the committee said it was "in the process of obtaining additional information . . . and has not reached any conclusions."

Speaker Newt Gingrich

