

Democratic Lawmaker Caught on Camera Expelled for Hiding Bibles

The Arizona State House of Representatives voted Tuesday to expel a Democratic lawmaker who was caught red-handed hiding Bibles from her fellow legislators.

State Rep. Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton was caught on camera in April removing the holy books and hiding them under two sofas in the lounge in a State Capitol room.

Once caught, Stahl-Hamilton said she moved the books as part of a prank.

But Arizona's House Ethics Committee determined that Stahl-Hamilton, who is an ordained Presbyterian minister, violated House rules by displaying "disrespectful" and "disorderly" behavior.

They voted 30-28 to censure her.

"The body has spoken," Stahl-Hamilton told "USA Today." "It's time to move on. I appreciate my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who voted against excessive punitive measures beyond the turmoil and attacks I've weathered the last seven weeks."

As CBN News reported, Stahl-Hamilton was no stranger to hiding Bibles.

A camera had been placed in the lounge by the House security team after a pair of Bibles went missing. About a week later, another Bible was missing and was later found in a refrigerator, according to the outlet.

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