

TEABUGGERGATE, PART ONE

You've no doubt heard that James O'Keefe, the guy who broke some laws secretly filming ACORN employees, got busted yesterday trying to film some buddies bugging Mary Landrieu's office.

But I'm not as interested, for the moment, in O'Keefe as I am in his alleged accomplice, Robert Flanagan.

You see, Flanagan is the son of the acting US Attorney for Western LA, William Flanagan. Flanagan, Sr., had only been in charge for a week—since January 18, when Bush's US Attorney for the district, Donald Washington, stepped down—when his son got busted on federal property elsewhere in the state.

But that's not the only neat connection that Robert Flanagan has. Last year—from January to April—Flanagan, Jr., interned for Congresswoman Mary Fallin (R-OK). And Fallin is one of just 31 Representatives who co-sponsored a resolution honoring James O'Keefe and his ACORN-filming accomplice, Hannah Giles. (Fallin was joined on the resolution by such notables as Joe Barton, Louis Gohmert, Steve King, and Jean Schmidt.)

It's all very cozy, apparently, in Republican corruption circles.

Oh, and speaking of corrupt Republicans, you might be interested in knowing that Obama's nominee to be US Attorney for LA's Western District, Stephanie Finley, the woman who will replace Flanagan, Sr., is being blocked by LA's other Senator, David "Diapers" Vitter. Why? Because he wants to make sure LA's US Attorney for the Eastern District—the one who will be prosecuting Messrs. O'Keefe and Flanagan, now—stays in office for a while longer.