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DATE Nov. 13, 1980FULL NAME Robert Edmund Bauman

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ADDRESS Glebe HouseCITY Easton STATE Maryland ZIP CODE 21601DATE OF BIRTH April 4, 1937 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 43 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Roman Catholic NATIONALITY U. S. Born (Bryn Mawr, Pa.)OCCUPATION U. S. Congressman, 1st District (Maryland)EDUCATION B. S. Georgetown University, Law DegreeWEIGHT 160 HEIGHT 5' 8" RACE Caucasian - WhiteCOLOR OF HAIR Black/Dark Brown COLOR OF EYES BrownOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS "Obsessively devoted to politics and govern-
ment."MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN Four
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)WIFE'S NAME Carol Dawson BaumanSCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

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Mr. Ted A. Taylor
Scout Executive
Del-Mar-Va Council, Inc. #81

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SUBJECT: Robert E. Bauman

Dear Ted:

In response to your letter of October 8th, concerning the above Scouter, we are enclosing a confidential record sheet.

We would appreciate your completing this record sheet, and returning it to us as soon as possible, so we can indentify this man in the future. Also, any other information made available to you would be appreciated to support our action of placing this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

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The two worlds of Robert Bauman

The accusations were to reveal a second life that was startlingly different from his political life.

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It was an early summer weeknight, near closing time. In the Chesapeake House, a gay bar on 9th Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C., the disco music was still playing, and young men in fishnet kimonos danced on top of the bar.

As Craig Howell, a Labor Department economist, finished his drink and began to leave, he recognized a familiar face, someone he never had seen in the bar before.

Leaning against a railing near the rear of the bar was United States Representative Robert Bauman, R-Ist, Md., dressed in a dark, conservative suit, surveying the crowd.

Howell hesitated before approaching Bauman, a political associate from his undergraduate years at Georgetown University. "I just wanted him to know that we knew," he said. "I said, 'Good evening, Mr. Bauman.'"

Bauman did not answer, or even look at Howell.

Howell understood.

He had trespassed on the dark side of Robert Bauman's life.

For most politicians, the crisis that Bauman faced last month would have been severe enough. He was charged with soliciting sex from a 16-

This report was written by News American staff members Amy Eisman, John Aloysius Farrell, Laura T. Hammel, David Holmberg and Larry Lewis, based on their own reporting and that of staff members Stephen Braun, Tom Conkley, Judy Pasternak and Scott Lebar.

year-old male, and although he pleaded not guilty at a Washington court hearing, he disclosed at a subsequent news conference that he suffered from alcoholism and "homosexual tendencies."

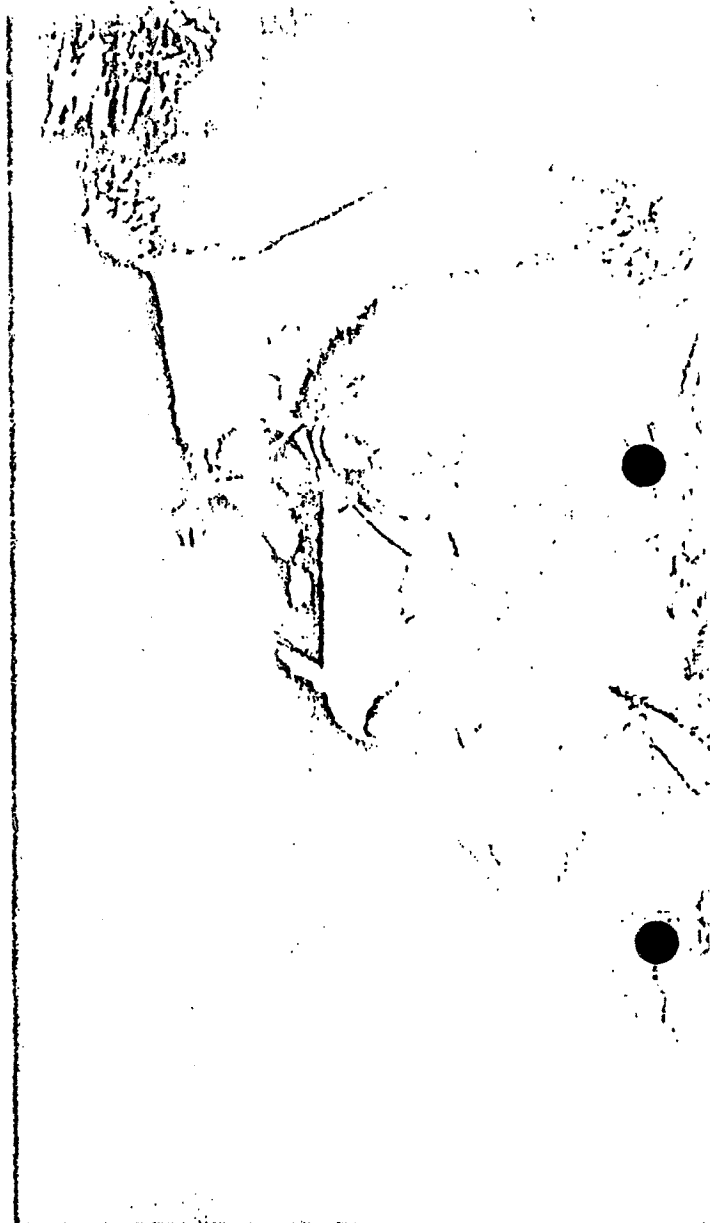
For Bauman, the charges were devastating, and not simply because they came about a month before Election Day.

A bloodless but astonishingly effective congressional technician, his rigid conservatism on moral issues such as pornography, drugs, crime and abortion has made him an emerging spokesman for the American right, both in and out of Congress.

Bauman's public life was well known; his conscientiousness, his conservatism, his driving efficiency.

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Three months of this year, at time when he said the drinking was at its heaviest, his activity on the floor accounted for 3.3 percent of the roll calls.

Using the roll calls, he gets other representatives on record to try to change their votes, as he did on the cargo preference bill.

He still asks frequently for quorum calls and often questions bill sponsors and committee chairmen.

He preaches and he castigates. But Bauman himself says that since May — when he claims to have stopped drinking — there was at least a partially new Bob Bauman on the floor of the House, and that other colleagues noticed it.

"I would suggest," he says, "that in the last six or seven months since I've stopped my drinking and I was able to get my personal life in order, it wasn't an unnoticed development on the floor. I had members come up to me and say, 'What's the matter with you, why aren't you jumping up and down today, you're awfully quiet.' And I'd just say, 'Well, you know, this isn't all that important, and some of the younger ones want to get into it.'"

On Oct. 2, 1960, Robert Bauman stood on the floor of the House of Representatives and gave a non-political homily in sharp contrast to his usual array of verbal weapons.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I have listened this morning with great interest to all the speeches on politics, and now I'm going to speak from the aisle and it probably will be the last time I'll do so. I'm going to make some observations on the things I heard this morning. I found that the speakers always close on a note of hope."

"Mr. Speaker, the things I heard this morning in the House were very good. I'm glad to hear that it has been a year since the drought has reduced the bumper crop of corn and the beans look good. Along with the coming election ads I have already seen ads for Thanksgiving turkeys. The pumpkins have appeared at the roadside stands and the order is on

Of scores of persons interviewed in Washington who knew Bauman, only two said they had any hint of homosexuality, and most said they knew Bauman as only a moderate, "social" drinker.

A House staffer who declined to be identified said that about three months ago another staffer said to her: "Have you heard about someone on the fourth floor of the Rayburn (House office) building?" Bauman's office is on the fourth floor of that building.

The staffer said she then talked to other Hill staffers, who told her of rumors about Bauman and alleged homosexuality. She said there was no mention of any charges against him, and declined to comment further on the rumors.

In Easton, Bauman's closest friends say he and Carol rarely participated in the social world there — a gossipy circuit of tennis and bridge and cocktail parties.

Bauman was described by his friends as quiet and reserved, his conversation usually limited to the political scene or brief small talk.

His hobbies were those that rarely included other people. He collected books on Lincoln and politics. He was a home-movie buff. And he liked to cook.

Once in a while, townspeople would see him shopping for the family groceries at the A&P or grooming his lawn with a power mower. Every Sunday, members of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church saw him at mass.

But few knew him well. "How friendly can you be with a man that's busy?" asked Gary Wilkinson, an Easton barber who trims Bauman's hair about three times a year. "I don't think he's ever been an overly talkative person."

Carol Bauman also kept busy running a household of four children, attending a mass-medical course on Wednesday nights at Chesapeake College and selling real estate on the side. She lives in a seven house and styled her own hair. "I don't have much time," she would matter to her to be involved with her daughter during the season between April and September.

She lives for him and the children, definitely. "I'm sorry William, a former neighbor and close friend. She would like to spend her spare time playing with her horses and dogs."

As a result, the Baumans never seemed to in-

... that he has "homosexual tendencies," the bulk of his statements deal with drinking problems.

His statement of Oct. 2 said: "In recent years, I have had an increasingly serious personal problem with the consumption of alcohol."

Bauman also said: "Allegations had been made concerning my personal conduct during the period of my heaviest drinking last winter. The charge involved is solicitation."

Six days later, on Oct. 5, Bauman admitted to reporters that he suffered from "twin compulsions of alcoholism and homosexual tendencies." These, he said, had led him into a lifestyle he knew was wrong.

Then 15 days after that, in an interview with *The News American*, Bauman said: "There is no question in my mind that alcohol unlocked whatever other problems I have. And I am willing, I'm able to face those. And I've got a good clinical psychologist and a priest, both of whom have full familiarity with these things."

The impact of the Bauman disclosures was stunning to friends, family and neighbors in close-knit Easton. Colleagues and former workers on Capitol Hill were incredulous. Relatives said they were upset.

Virtually no one in Washington or on the Eastern Shore close to Bauman or his family admits to any suspicion of drinking problems or homosexuality.

The revelations of alcoholism and homosexual activity did not fit the image of Bauman that almost everyone shared — a man so totally consumed with his conservative politics that he had little time for anyone or anything else.

In Washington, prominent conservative researcher M. Stanton Evans, a friend of both Bauman and his wife for more than 20 years, said: "If you had asked me to name a person of whom such a thing (the allegations against Bauman) would be said, he would be among the last ones I'd pick."

Michael C. Wilkinson, who worked in Bauman's Easton and Washington offices for seven years, said, "If the problems interfered with his legislative or other congressional duties, there was never any evidence of it to me as a staff member."

Another ex-staffer, Ronald F. Docksai, who was Bauman's legislative assistant from 1974-78, was particularly stunned by the revelations.

He remembered his former boss as a workaholic who would closet himself in his office when Congress was not in session, poring over complicated manuals on House rules in preparation for new strategic gambits. He remembered bringing voluminous folders of bills and strategy outlines to Bauman's office in the mornings before the House convened.

"He has very strong conservative beliefs (and) these are values rather than a program," Docksai said. "That's why the homosexuality thing is so startling. . . . He worked like a bulldog (and) the very idea of him being anything other than very ascetic is absolutely out of character."

when the other Republican senators got together for a drink each Friday afternoon, would remain in his office writing a column for his district's newspapers.

He drove by me to Easton to be with his family even when, or he would bring his children to the capital, where he would take them out with him on the Senate floor.

"He was never one of the guys," said Edward Mason. "He wasn't a party man or a playboy like some senators — by any stretch of the imagination. I've seen Bob out of a party maybe three or four times in the 10 years I've known him, and he wasn't ever the first to arrive or the last to go."

Said Edward Thomas: "I don't ever recall him being even tipsy or high. He wasn't a night owl."

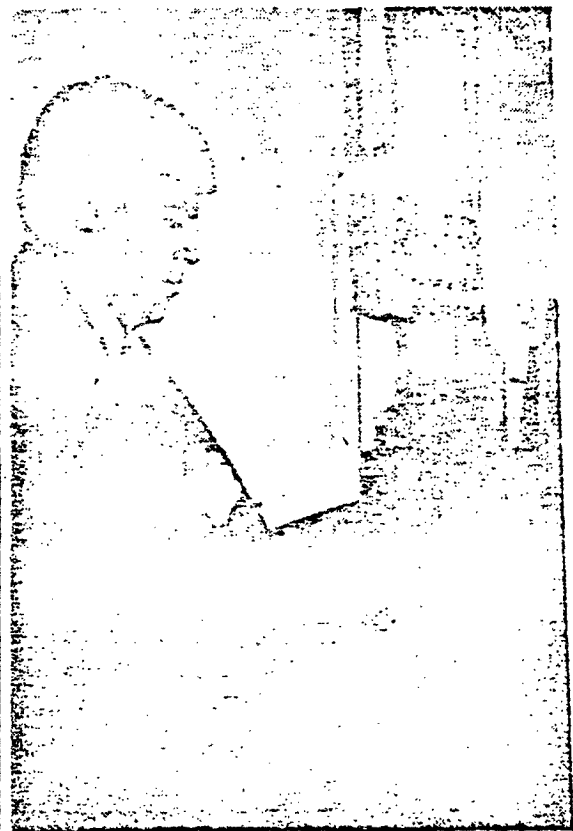
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man as a heavy drinker. In the wake of the first revelations, his personal physician and longtime friend made a public statement denying that Bauman was an alcoholic.

Was the congressman using alcoholism as a smokescreen to hide the less socially — and politically — acceptable problem of homosexuality? "I remember," says Bauman, "when my doctor first said to me that I was an alcoholic, I denied it. I fought him for two months."

According to Bauman, he did his drinking at home in the evenings or at dinners with several of his staffers, away from the public eye.

"Of course they haven't seen me drunk," Bauman says. "You know if you are a congressman, you don't go out and get drunk in public, unless you are that kind of alcoholic."

Carol Bauman says: "The problem is... people around the alcoholic tend to make excuses and to help him cover it up. ... And we were talking last night about instances where we had seen him have too much to drink and, I mean as long as four years ago — five years ago, this was happening."

Last winter, when his drinking came to a crisis point, his wife threatened to leave him and take the children, Bauman says.

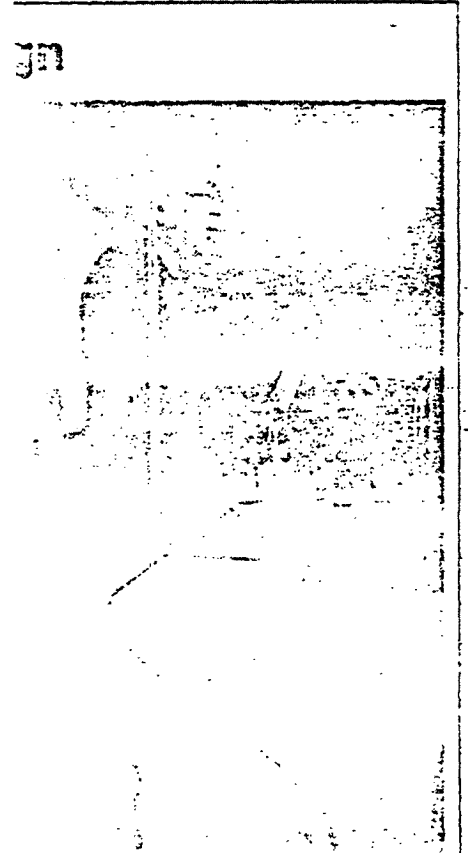
"It finally got to the point that just to save myself I had to say something," Carol Bauman says. "I knew I couldn't go on any longer."

According to Bauman, he took his last alcoholic drink five months ago — "on May 1."

The dark side

He would stand by the bar

... an refuses to discuss the dark side — that he terms his "homosexual tendencies" —



other than to say he does not consider himself a homosexual.

According to members of Washington's gay community, Bauman was never a regular in the homosexual bar culture.

Instead, they say, he flirted on its edges for years, preferring to cruise a one-block strip along 12th Street and New York Avenue where male prostitutes, muggers and junkies prowl the sidewalks. A pink neon sign hangs over the Cafe Naples, the mainstay of the New York Avenue corridor, where a handful of young male hustlers lounge against the wall, waiting for cars to slow down and for their drivers to beckon for them.

It is an area cut off from the rest of the city's gay world — a place strictly for quick, anonymous sex. Those who stop there are almost never seen in the other gay bars.

It was only this summer that Bauman was sighted at other gay establishments that attract a larger portion of Washington's gay community — the Chesapeake House; the Lone Star Beef House, which features nude dancers; the Exile disco and the Fraternity House bar. There are no hustlers in front of these bars; the pickups are less open, the mood more relaxed.

"If he had gone into those places sooner, word would have gotten out sooner," said Frank Kamerny, a gay activist in Washington. "Maybe he broadened his range of activities."

For years, those in the gay world say, a dark blue Lincoln Continental driven by Bauman had been a familiar sight among the hustlers leaning by the entrance to the Club Naples. His pattern was irregular — he would come by as often as once a week and then not show up for six months.

James Edward Regina, the 26-year-old from Fishing Creek now accused of blackmailing the congressman, said he met Bauman 12 years ago in front of the club. Regina said Bauman pulled up to the curb, called him over, gave him \$50 and made a date for the next week.

At the appointed time, Bauman picked him up and took him to the Channel Inn, a plush hotel in the wharf area of southeast Washington. While Bauman went in to register, Regina said he peeked inside the glove compartment and found Bauman's name on gas receipts. When Bauman returned, they both went inside, had sex, and Bauman paid him again.

According to Regina and other hustlers, Bauman continued to pick up Regina in front of the Naples off and on for the next 12 years.

Another hustler said he was picked up by Bauman in front of the same club about four times. The first time, he said, was about five years ago when Bauman pulled up in the Continental, wearing a three-piece gray suit with a white handkerchief tucked in his pocket.

"He called me over and asked me how much," he said. "I told him how much, and he said to hop in."

They drove to the Channel Inn's underground parking garage and went directly to a room without registering. They had sex, Bauman paid him \$20, and within 45 minutes, the hustler was back on the sidewalk in front of the Naples, the hustler said.

The same scenario was repeated about four times, the hustler said, until Bauman accused him of stealing money from his wallet and refused to pay him. "I went up during one of the month and he... and his up," said the hustler. "I paid me."

According to *News American* sources, internal U.S. attorney's office documents describe another incident in which Bauman picked up a third male prostitute in front of the Naples and took him to his Capitol Hill office for sex. Similar reports have appeared in the past.

I'll have the good sense to resign. Or at least, if I don't, I hope my friends will ask me to."

In a later interview, Weyrich said that even Bauman wins the election. "I don't think he'll be a legislative spokesman any more. I think the problem will always be there. Part of his role was to raise a certain moral outrage. I don't think he's credible any more."

Weyrich said his impression is that in Washington people are split over whether Bauman is through politically, but in the rest of the country, those familiar with the case are morally affronted by the congressman's behavior and think he is finished.

He said that even members of the American Conservative Union, which Bauman heads, may want to disavow the embattled congressman. Weyrich said he addressed an ACU meeting in Missouri and drew strong applause when he repeated his organization's rejection of Bauman as a candidate. He said some people at the gathering approached him after his speech and said they were "dismayed" that the ACU couldn't take the same stand.

"Nobody seems to know about the drinking, but some people do claim to have known about the homosexuality," Weyrich said. "But I never picked up anything like that."

An aide to Rep. Clair Burgener, R-Calif., says Bauman probably will get "the silent treatment" if he returns to Congress.

"I suspect that he will not again be the floor force that he was," the aide says. "People will take it unkindly if he wins and tries to resume his previous role on the floor. There'll obviously be no mention of his problems on the floor, but he'll get that icy feeling. If it were me, and I won, I would shut up for eight or 10 months, and work hard, and then I might be in pretty good shape again. But I'm afraid Bauman's not capable of doing that."

And, says another Democratic aide, bringing up Bauman's anti-gay rights legislative record: "It's hard for me to believe that he could be the same watchdog, preventing legal services funds from going to homosexuals. If Savuna Rola, the medieval monk, had been caught cheating, the next time he got up to make a sermon there would be a certain amount of snickering in the audience."

What happens if he is defeated? Says Bauman in his new campaign stump speech: "If I lose, I will have learned a lot. It has been an honor to be your congressman."

He could go back to the legal career he followed during his pre-legislative life. He might even pick up extra income by continuing the public speaking appearances he has made in the years since he became recognized as a national figure.

Still, those opportunities could be limited. At the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Hackensack, N.J., where Bauman was once a well-received speaker, a person who didn't want his name used with the congressman probably would not be invited back.

"Of all the good things that somebody does, one bad thing you do seems to stand out, and you're remembered for it," the spokesman says.

In an odd way, the publicity and media surrounding his case, it is said, and subsequent disavowals by his party may have helped him.

"I can't tell you what my future holds, but I think I can do it now, now that I am free, now that I have finally faced after 43 years, whatever my problems are. ... And I know whatever is going to happen to me in the future, even if it is some horrible disease or the loss of a loved one ... it probably won't be as bad," he says.

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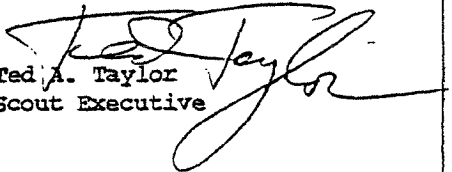
Mr. Paul Ernst
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed are news articles regarding recent activity of U. S. Rep. Robert E. Bauman. He has not renewed his registration for 1980-81, but he has been registered for two years in this council.

He is not active and has no great interest in Scouting to my knowledge. I will leave the matter of his future registration in your hands for appropriate action.

Sincerely,


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Scout Executive

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Evans aides say he plans to step up campaigning and he has scheduled more frequent joint appearances with Maxwell.

The seven points of Maxwell's anti-crime program are:

- Mandatory sentences without parole for violent criminals.

- Life imprisonment without parole for repeat violent offenders.

- Increased federal funding for construction of state and federal jails.

- Reorganization of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration with increased funding and an emphasis on aiding local police agencies.

- Stiff, mandatory sentences without parole for drug pushers, and increased funding for the agencies that fight drug traffic.

- Appointment of more federal judges.

- Federal assistance for violent crimes victims' compensation programs.

Maxwell said he does not favor tighter federal firearms legislation, however.

Asked whether it is such ambitious reforms could really be achieved by a single member of Congress, Maxwell said he would have an advantage as a member of the majority party. "There are times when the people in Delaware wonder whether their present representative in Congress has made any difference at all. . . If I didn't think I could make a difference, I wouldn't even be running," he said.

ELKTON Mayor Faces Assault

By MOLLY MURRAY
Newark Bureau

ELKTON, Md. — Mayor James G. Crouse has been summoned to court to answer allegations that he struck a Hollingsworth Manor woman before a regular town meeting held two weeks ago.

Lorraine F. Shull filed an assault complaint against Crouse in District Court here, charging that he swatted her face with a piece of paper and she fell against an iron railing.

Mrs. Shull and four other Hollingsworth Manor residents were standing outside the town hall on Sept. 24 waiting for the town meeting to begin when the incident happened, according to both Mrs. Shull and Crouse.

"We were there because we wanted more street lights and police protection," Mrs. Shull said. Hollingsworth Manor is a crowded neighborhood with a reputation for crime and drag racing.

None of the other witnesses wanted to be identified, but one witness to the incident said: "The mayor came walking out of the police station and said 'Good evening ladies, what brings you here this evening?'"

"We were all laughing and joking. But what happened next — people had to see it to believe it," the witness said.

One witness works one day a week

at Union Hospital here, where Crouse is employed as an administrator.

According to witnesses, Crouse told the woman: "If you go into that meeting, you're fired." Three of the women contacted said they thought Crouse might have been joking. The other two could not be reached for comment.

He also allegedly told the group that the meeting "was not a street light meeting," according to witnesses.

Under town administrative rules, public presentations are made during the first meeting of each month. The commissioners meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"It was just a nice conversation," said one witness. "But then Lorraine [Shull] said something like 'If you'd do your job right we wouldn't have to be there.'"

Then Crouse allegedly answered "Lady if you can do the job any better you can just put your name on the ballot," a witness said.

According to Mrs. Shull, Crouse then swatted her face with a piece of paper, saying: "Lady you can kiss my butt."

Mrs. Shull said that when Crouse swatted at her face, she lost her balance and bruised her hip against an iron railing.

The five women didn't go to the town meeting, instead the group went over to the police station and talked to Police Chief Thomas N.

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Many constituents felt sympathy and concern for Bauman and his family but speculated that the incident would harm his bid for re-election.

The 43-year-old Republican congressman, born and raised in Easton, Md., has been representing the 1st District since 1973. Bauman has had strong support on the Eastern Shore, where Democrats out number Republicans three to one.

"I was stunned. I thought he was 'Mr. Clean,'" said one man, a volunteer at Republican Party headquarters in Easton, who did not wish to be identified.

"I didn't think anything could blacken his image," he said. "Nobody knew about the alcoholism. But that other thing [the alleged sex act] stunned Republicans and Democrats alike. Like my wife said, it might have been different if they had said he was with a woman."

Bauman is running for re-election

against Democratic state Del. Royden P. Dyson, who came close to unseating Bauman in 1978.

A former Maryland state senator, Bauman took office in 1973, filling the vacancy left by the suicide of his predecessor, William O. Mills.

Cecil County Republicans are reluctant to talk about the allegations, many being close personal friends of the Bauman family, but they admit the timing of the allegations may aid the Dyson campaign. Williams suggested that the timing of the charge may have been political.

Neither Dyson nor his campaign workers are discussing the allegations.

In a statement issued Thursday evening, Bauman said his sobriety is restored and indicated he would continue his campaign for re-election.

"I will submit myself to the judgment of the citizens of my district on the basis of [my] record as I have in the past," he said.

Bauman is scheduled to attend a fund-raising trail ride at Fair Hill in Cecil County today and late yesterday

afternoon organizers said they were still expecting the congressman.

"I strongly emphasize that this allegation involves only my personal conduct and has nothing to do with my office or duties as a member of Congress," Bauman said in his statement.

"I have confessed my sins, as my religion requires, and I am in the state of grace and will remain so with God," Bauman said. "For the first time in my life, I have come to terms with my personal problem, admitted my faults and am trying to make amends."

Meanwhile, the Baltimore Sun quoted an internist who said he was Bauman's physician as saying "from a medical standpoint he's not an alcoholic."

"He thinks he's an alcoholic just because he had one incident where he had too much to drink and something terrible happened to him," the Sun quoted Dr. Albert Dawkins as saying.

Bauman's lawyer refused to comment on the Sun story.

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