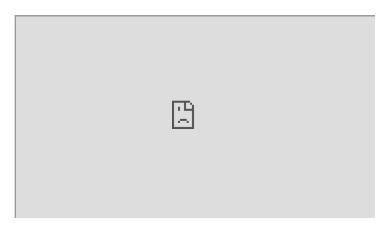
Facebook has ALREADY BRIBED the committees in Congress that will question Mark Zuckerberg

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WASHINGTON — Members of the House and Senate committees that will question Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg about user privacy protection next week are also some of the biggest recipients of campaign

contributions from company employees and the Facebook Inc. PAC.

The committee that got the most Facebook contributions is the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which announced Wednesday morning it would guestion Zuckerberg on April 11.

Members of the committee, whose jurisdiction gives it regulatory power over internet companies, received nearly \$381,000 in contributions tied to Facebook since 2007, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

The second-highest total, \$369,000, went to members of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, which announced later that it would have a joint hearing with the Senate Judiciary Committee to question Zuckerberg on Tuesday. Judiciary Committee members have received \$235,000 in Facebook contributions.

On the House committee, Republicans got roughly twice as much as Democrats. But of the \$7 million in contributions to all federal