

A REPUBLICAN FROM WASILLA

No, not Sarah Palin. That's not the Republican from Wasilla I'm referencing. Rather, I'm thinking of Charlie Huggins, the guy who waltzed in from moose hunting to cast the decisive vote in favor of subpoenaing all the people the McPalin campaign had convinced to stop cooperating in the TrooperGate investigation. The final vote to subpoena those who withdrew their cooperation after Sarah Palin became the Republicans' best hope to retain the White House was 3-2, with Huggins joining two Democrats; the original vote to launch the investigation was a unanimous 12-person vote.

But the McCain campaign, in explaining why the Governor will no longer deliver the cooperation she earlier promised, now claims the investigation is "tainted," in spite of the fact that the investigation retains bipartisan support.

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is unlikely to meet with a special prosecutor looking into whether she or other state officials improperly pushed to punish a trooper, a spokesman for John McCain's presidential campaign announced Monday.

Since Palin was named as McCain's running mate Aug. 29, the campaign has dismissed the state legislature's investigation into her dismissal of the state's director of public safety, saying that Democrats are exploiting the probe for political gain.

McCain campaign spokesman Ed O'Callaghan said that Palin is "unlikely to cooperate" with the investigation, which he called "tainted."

And remarkably, I don't think they're talking about the evidence that the investigator

believes a state contractor lied to him because she had a "financial incentive" to do so.

Nope, I just think they believe this is tainted for the same reason they think every real question about Palin's qualifications is "sexist." Because McCain's campaign depends on hiding how unqualified Sarah Palin is to be Vice President—not least because of a long, documented problem with abuse of power.

Sort of makes you wonder whether the Republican from Wasilla, Charlie Huggins, voted to subpoena the witnesses involved in the cover-up precisely because he knows the abuse of power Sarah Palin is capable of?

Update: Huggins' spelling corrected per FrankProbst.