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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN SACRAMENTO AND**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DECLINE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST**  
**SENATOR DON PERATA**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that the United States Attorney's Office and the United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, have completed their review of the investigation of Senator Don Perata and have declined to file criminal charges. The U.S. Attorney issued the following statement:

“Prosecutors from both this office and the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice have reviewed the matter involving Senator Don Perata and have determined not to pursue criminal charges. This office and the Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. worked collaboratively in undertaking this review. Each office reached its decision independently based on our respective analyses of the facts and the law. Beyond that, in accordance with departmental policy, we cannot disclose our deliberative process.

Our review of this investigation was consistent with the sound exercise of our prosecutorial discretion,” stated Acting United States Attorney Brown.