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FIZZLED STEROID-ABUSE INVESTIGATION MAY BE ...

## LINDA'S LUCKY BREAK



**Inset:** U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons, right, says that Republican Senate candidate Linda McMahon has benefited from the talents of U.S. officials to investigate allegations of widespread steroid use among wrestlers.

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The White House and Congress dropped the ball in 2009 on an effort to investigate the use of steroids in professional wrestling — a lapse that represents a break for Republican U.S. Senate candidate Linda McMahon, the former CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment who is campaigning on her success as a businesswoman.

Had the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy initiated an inquiry, as it was asked to by U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., in January 2009, some critics said they suspect it would

### Critics: Stalled probe a boon for Linda McMahon

have posed problems for McMahon's audacious, self-funded entrance into politics.

McMahon jumped into the race in September for Democratic U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd's seat.

"If that did go somewhere, and WWE was either being questioned or under investigation or subject to some type of public hearings ... I think that would have a significant impact as far as when she got in

the race (and) how she got in the race," said George Gallin, a longtime Republican strategist backing former U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons for Senate.

But instead, a Hearst Connecticut Newspapers investigation has determined that Waxman never followed up on his request after changing committee chairmanships, and neither John Walters, drug czar under Republican President George W. Bush, nor Gil Kerlikowski, who is the director of the White House office under Democratic President Barack Obama, pursued the matter. Also, Waxman's

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A congressional committee began investigating steroid use by professional wrestlers after Chris Benoit killed his family and himself, confirmed by www.

ON THE WEB. For further information on the congressional investigation into steroids in professional wrestling, visit the Oversight and Government Reform at <http://oversight.house.gov/>, click on "Investigations" and scroll to "Steroid Use in Sports."

For more on World Wrestling Entertainment's current health and wellness policies for company talent, visit [www.corporate.wwe.com](http://www.corporate.wwe.com) and click on "Talent Wellness Program" under "Corporate Initiatives."

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By E.

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