

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Greg Stanton was collecting his taxpayer salary on a yacht in Utah during a Congressional committee meeting, even casting a vote while there.

BACKUP:

In July 2020, as Arizona was in the midst of a surge in coronavirus cases, Stanton took part in a House Transportation Committee hearing from a boat; at one point, Stanton voted during the hearing:

Editor's Note: According [to several sources](#), there is no standard definition for a yacht.

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Editor's Note: Stanton took part in the hearing from a boat in mid-July 2020. At the time, Arizona was in the midst of a [surge in coronavirus cases](#).

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- **Stanton apologized, and his spokeswoman said Stanton was on a boat in Utah.** “Stanton apologized Friday in a post on Twitter. A spokeswoman said he appeared from Utah, where he was visiting family, and was on a boat. ‘There’s no getting around it: I messed up and I’m sorry for it. I participated in the five-hour markup mostly from inside and went outside to watch my kids (while listening in the entire time) shortly before the vote was called,’ Stanton said.” (Ronald J. Hansen, “Is Stanton rowing a boat?: Arizona Rep. Greg Stanton draws heat for remote appearance at hearing,” [Arizona Republic](#), 7/17/20)

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(“Congressional Salaries and Allowances: In Brief,” [Congressional Research Service](#), Updated 11/03/21)