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Suitcase Sobotka



A few years ago, some journalists began referring to the then-finance minister as Bohuslav "Čobka" Sobotka, because of his close ties to ČSOB bank. LN wrote in 2006 that Sobotka was almost always on ČSOB's side in IPB issues. It was around this time that legends formed about pilgrimages to Sobotka's cottage with bulging valises in hand. We gave him the nickname "Suitcase" Sobotka in the [Final Word](#).

There are now valid questions about Sobotka's finances. Could he have saved enough legitimate money to put down Kč 5m toward a Kč 7m condo? HN took a quick look at his accounts and declared that, yes, he could have. This is the same [HN](#) whose owner, Zdeněk Bakala, was the main lobbyist for ČSOB on the IPB deal, according to [Bohumil Pečinka](#) of Reflex. Readers are left with the question of whether Sobotka is truly clean, or whether his record is being conveniently sanitized.

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