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H. RES. 375

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1994

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas the House is on notice pursuant to rule IX that it may soon consider a proposal to direct the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate the former operations of the House Post Office;

Whereas matters relating to the former operations of the House Post Office are the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation by the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, pursuant to its rules, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct traditionally defers inquiry with respect to a matter that is the subject of an ongoing investigation by an appropriate law enforcement or regulatory authority;

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has on several occasions agreed to defer inquiry with respect to the former operations of the House Post Office, and has deferred inquiry in other matters regarding current Members where investigations by other authorities are proceeding;

Whereas, by letters of November 25, 1992, September 9, 1993, and October 26, 1993, then Assistant Attorney General Lee Rawls, then United States Attorney J. Ramsey Johnson, and current United States Attorney Eric Holder, respectively, requested that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct defer any inquiry into the former operations of the House Post Office and related matters;

Whereas on February 23, 1994, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia delivered the following letter to the Speaker and the Republican Leader:

Whereas the House should exercise particular caution so as not to impede, delay, or otherwise interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation that may involve its own Members: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House supports the decision of the
2 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to defer in-
3 quiry on matters relating to the former operation of the
4 House Post Office; and be it

5 *Further resolved*, That the Committee on Standards
6 of Official Conduct shall continue to consult with the Unit-
7 ed States Attorney and continue to review its decision to
8 defer inquiry in this matter. At such time as the Commit-
9 tee determines that a Committee inquiry would no longer
10 interfere with the criminal investigation, the Committee
11 shall proceed, pursuant to its rules, with such inquiry as
12 it deems appropriate.

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