

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 223

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1993

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

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## **RESOLUTION**

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia on July 19, 1993, announced that the former Postmaster of the House of Representatives was pleading guilty to criminal counts of conspiracy and aiding and abetting the embezzlement of public funds;

Whereas the operation of the House Post Office during the tenure of the former Postmaster was the subject of a bipartisan Task Force to Investigate the Operation and Management of the House Post Office of the Committee on House Administration;

Whereas the former Task Force published a public report on July 24, 1992, in which were included portions of transcripts of its proceedings;

Whereas the House on July 22, 1992, voted to provide both the public report and all the records of the former Task Force to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and to the Department of Justice, but declined to make the transcripts of the former Task Force's proceedings public;

Whereas one of the reasons the House declined to make the transcripts of proceedings of the former Task Force public at that time was a concern that such release not compromise an ongoing criminal proceeding conducted by the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia; and

Whereas the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia on July 21, 1993, communicated to the Speaker and the Republican Leader his strong objection to the public release of the records of the former Task Force as follows:



Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House that, when  
2 the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia  
3 at any time informs the House that he has no objection  
4 to the public release of the transcripts of proceedings of  
5 the former Task Force, then the House immediately shall  
6 take up and bring to a vote the question of the release  
7 of the transcripts of proceedings of the former Task  
8 Force; and be it further

9       *Resolved*, That the Speaker is directed to commu-  
10 nicate to the United States Attorney for the District of  
11 Columbia the request of the House that he promptly ad-  
12 vise the House when he determines that he has no objec-  
13 tion to the public release of the transcripts of proceedings  
14 of the former Task Force; and be it further

15       *Resolved*, That the Clerk is directed to transmit  
16 promptly such communication of the Speaker and a  
17 copy of this resolution to the United States Attorney for  
18 the District of Columbia.

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