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H. RES. 436

Directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate allegations pertaining to the House Post Office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLUG (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate allegations pertaining to the House Post Office.

Whereas allegations reported in public and made in official Department of Justice court documents that personnel of the House Post Office provided illegal cash to certain Members in three ways: (1) cash instead of stamps for official vouchers, (2) cash for postage stamps which had earlier been purchased with official vouchers, and (3) cash for campaign checks;

Whereas the Department of Justice has secured admissions of criminal guilt regarding past activities in the House Post Office;

Whereas multiple concerns and allegations of possible wrongdoing by House employees, a House officer, and Members had been raised within the report of the House Adminis-

tration Committee Task Force to Investigate the Operation and Management of the House Post Office;

Whereas all these allegations directly affect the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings, and the rights, reputation, and conduct of its Members;

Whereas Article I, Section 5, of the Constitution gives each House of Congress responsibility over disorderly behavior of its Members; and

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has jurisdiction over the conduct and behavior of current House Members, officers, and employees, including investigatory authority, and is the appropriate body of this House to conduct any inquiry: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Standards of Offi-
2 cial Conduct is instructed to immediately investigate any
3 alleged violation, by any Member, officer, or employee of
4 the House, of the Code of Official Conduct or of any law,
5 rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct that is relat-
6 ed to activities, described by or referred to in, documents
7 that it received on July 22, 1992, from the Committee
8 on House Administration pertaining to the House Admin-
9 istration Committee Task Force to Investigate the Oper-
10 ation and Management of the House Post Office investiga-
11 tion. Not later than 60 days after this resolution is agreed
12 to and periodically thereafter, the Committee on Stand-
13 ards and Official Conduct shall report to the House the
14 status of this investigation. Not later than September 30,

1 1994, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
2 shall report to the House its findings of fact and rec-
3 ommendations on possible disciplinary actions.

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