

## **H. Res. 450**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*June 9, 1994.*

Whereas, on July 22, 1992, the House of Representatives voted to transmit to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct the committee report and all records obtained by the Task Force to Investigate the Operation and Management of the House Post Office;

Whereas the report of the Committee on House Administration selectively included portions of the transcript of the proceedings of the task force in the appendix of their report;

Whereas efforts in the 102d Congress to release the full transcript of the task force were defeated in the House on July 22, 1992, and July 23, 1992, and again on July 22, 1993;

Whereas the former Postmaster of the House of Representatives, Robert V. Rota, from 1978 continuing until April 1992 has admitted to conspiring with other persons to commit offenses against the United States;

Whereas the former Postmaster has pled guilty to making false statements to the task force and during interviews with United States Postal Inspectors and the congressional committee investigating the House post office;

Whereas the former Postmaster admitted to engaging in a coverup of the exchange of vouchers and postage stamps for cash beginning in May 1980 and continuing throughout the House investigation of the post office;

Whereas the integrity of the House of Representatives has been impugned by the actions of Mr. Rota and others;

Whereas, on July 23, 1993, the House approved a privileged resolution offered by the majority leader that stated: "That it is the sense of the House that should the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia at any time inform the House that he has no objection to the public release of the transcripts of proceedings of the former Task Force, then the House shall consider immediately the question of whether and under what circumstances the transcripts of proceedings of the former task force should be released to the public."; and

Whereas the United States attorney for the District of Columbia has indicated in a letter to the Speaker and the minority leader that "in light of recent action by the grand jury in the criminal investigation, this Office no longer objects to the public release of the materials in question.": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House make public in printed form all transcripts and other relevant documents from any House Administration Committee investigation of the House post office as soon as possible.

*Resolved further*, That the majority and minority leader shall each designate a Member to review the materials and

that these materials shall be made public unless the designees agree to the contrary.

Attest:

*Clerk.*