

104TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 468

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 1996

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was laid on the table

RESOLUTION

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas the Constitution of the United States places upon the House of Representatives the responsibility to regulate the conduct of its own Members;

Whereas the House has delegated that responsibility, in part, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is charged with investigating alleged violations of any law, rule, regulation or other standard of conduct by a Member of the House;

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has failed to discharge that duty with regard to serious allegations of wrongdoing by the Speaker of the House;

Whereas, although an outside counsel has been appointed to investigate the Speaker, the Committee has failed to allow that outside counsel to investigate serious charges

concerning the Speaker's political action committee, GOPAC, and its relationship to several tax-exempt organizations;

Whereas a formal complaint concerning these charges has been languishing before the Committee for more than six months;

Whereas new evidence of violations of Federal tax law—in addition to the information contained in the formal complaint—has also been recently reported by investigative journalists around the country; and

Whereas the failure to take action on these matters has raised serious questions about the impartiality of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Standards of Offi-
2 cial Conduct is hereby instructed to immediately transmit
3 the remaining charges against Speaker Gingrich to the
4 outside counsel for his investigation and recommendations.

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