

104TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 524

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

Mr. LINDER submitted the following resolution; which was laid on the table

RESOLUTION

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas a complaint filed against Representative Gephardt alleges House Rules have been violated by Representative Gephardt's concealment of profits gained through a complex series of real estate tax exchanges;

Whereas the complaint also alleges possible violations of banking disclosure and campaign finance laws or regulations;

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has in complex matters involving complaints hired outside counsel with expertise in tax laws and regulations;

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is responsible for determining whether Representative Gephardt's financial transactions violated standards of conduct or specific rules of House of Representatives; and

Whereas the complaint against Representative Gephardt has been languishing before the committee for more than seven months and the integrity of the ethics process and the manner in which Members are disciplined is called into question: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Standards of Offi-
2 cial Conduct is authorized and directed to hire a special
3 counsel to assist in the investigation of this matter; and
4 be it further

5 *Resolved*, That all relevant materials presented to, or
6 developed by the committee to date on the complaint be
7 submitted to a special counsel, for review and rec-
8 ommendation to determine whether the committee should
9 proceed to a preliminary inquiry.

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