

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 532

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was laid on the table

RESOLUTION

Relating to a question of the privileges of the House

Whereas on December 6, 1995, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct agreed to appoint an outside counsel to conduct an independent, nonpartisan investigation of allegations of ethical misconduct by Speaker Newt Gingrich;

Whereas, after an eight-month investigation, that outside counsel has submitted an extensive document containing the results of his inquiry;

Whereas the report of the outside counsel cost the taxpayers \$500,000;

Whereas the public has a right—and Members of Congress have a responsibility—to examine the work of the outside counsel and reach an independent judgment concerning the merits of the charges against the Speaker;

Whereas these charges have been before the Ethics Committee for more than two years;

Whereas a failure of the committee to release the outside counsel's report before the adjournment of the 104th Congress will seriously undermine the credibility of the Ethics Committee and the integrity of the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Standards of Offi-
2 cial Conduct shall release to the public the outside coun-
3 sel's report on Speaker Newt Gingrich—including any
4 conclusions, recommendations, attachments, exhibits or
5 accompanying material—no later than Wednesday, Sep-
6 tember 25, 1996.

○