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Congressman Bob Dole of Kansas was one of 31 Representatives who today introduced a resolution calling for a sweeping investigation of business interests of Congressmen and Congressional employees. The resolution corresponds to the Senate resolution which resulted in the Bobby Baker hearings.

Congressman Dole, the leader of the group said, "There were facts brought out in the Baker investigation, before it was abruptly stopped, which involved the House of Representatives. There was a clear inference that it was possible to pay off certain people and have a bill passed by the House. Such charges are very serious. They affect the integrity of the United States Congress. It is time that the House of Representatives start to clean its own house."

The Dole resolution directs the House Administration Committee to investigate "any financial or business interests, or any illegal, immoral, or improper activities, including activities involving the giving or receiving of campaign funds under questionable circumstances," of any present or former Congressman or Congressional employee.

The Resolution directs that the study determine whether there has been any conflict of interest or impropriety and also that additional laws, rules, or regulations, if necessary, be recommended for enactment.

The Baker hearings disclosed that one former House employee had been paid \$1,500 from one source and \$1,000 from another. This employee said he regarded the money as "gifts" for his help to the parties involved through the years. In a clash with Senate investigators, he said he did not think they were excessive gifts.