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Representative John Anderson (R-Ill.) called today for House action on a proposal to investigate disclosures of wrongdoing by Congressmen and their employees.

He pointed out that nearly 40 Congressmen have now added their names to sponsorship of resolutions calling for such a look into ramifications of the Bobby Baker hearings which appear to affect the activities of the House of Representatives. The resolution was referred to the House Rules Committee, but thus far, no action has been taken on it.

Pointing out that even the Senate, which he accused of "shamefully" white-washing the Bobby Baker story, has now agreed to establish a bipartisan committee to look into reports of Senatorial employees' misdeeds, Representative Anderson said it behooves the House to do likewise.

He was joined in his appeal by Representatives William Cramer (R-Fla.), Robert Dole (R-Kan.), Steven Derounian (R-N.Y.), and Glen Lipscomb (R-Calif.).

In the absence of official House action over the highly-publicized disclosures, the five Congressmen have established an Ad Hoc Investigating Committee to investigate all reports of misdeeds by Congressmen or their employees and bring the facts to public attention. The Committee has a skeleton staff and an office at 103 C Street, S. E. Invitations to testify before it have been issued to a number of individuals connected with the Baker case and additional investigations will go out shortly.

Representative Anderson said inaction on the resolution "is bound to indicate to the public that we are not concerned with weeding wrongdoers from our midst. And I can assure you that there is a strong body of opinion that, in fact, wrongdoers are too often being deliberately protected, for reasons best known to their protectors."

Among items of concern to the House, he cited payments to William N. McLeod Jr., former Chief Clerk of the House District Committee, "in appreciation" of services rendered to private individuals and organizations. He also pointed out that a "mysterious" meeting between Baker, McLeod and Matthew M. McCloskey, former Democratic National Finance Chairman and contractor for D. C. Stadium, should be of interest to the House in view of increasing concern about the financial condition of the Stadium operations.