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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas), Chairman of a Republican ad hoc committee established earlier this year to look into the Baker affair and active in probing the Estes scandal, charged today that the Johnson Administration is using more whitewash to cover up Democratic scandal in Washington than would be required to give the White House a coat every day until election. It seems the Senate is content to "brush all charges under the rug" and the House content just to "brush them off".

"Despite the American public's demand for a full airing of the Bobby Baker and Billie Sol Estes scandals, President Johnson and Democrats in Congress have continued to drag their feet to avoid a full disclosure of the facts." At least the Senate has taken time to apply the brush which is more than can be said for the House, notwithstanding continuing efforts by Republican Members for a real investigation," Dole stated.

"The purpose of <sup>the</sup> 'bff again on again' Senate probe was to get to the bottom of the charge that Matthew McCloskey was involved, through Baker in a \$25,000 political payoff to the Democrats after getting the contract for consturction of the Washington, D. C. Stadium," but, "thus far, key witnesses, Baker and McCloskey have not been called and moreover, the Committee Chairman, Senator B. Everett Jordan, Democrat of North Carolina announced he was closing off hearings next week in order to accompany Lady Bird Johnson on a campaign tour of the south.

"The Senate Democratic majority report this week on the Estes cotton allotment scheme was an exercise in futility, but at that some better than the House investigation of Estes. So called hearings were held more than a year ago by the House Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations but a report has not yet been issued. "Why? Will this report be delayed until after election day?" Will the Baker case, involving House employees and perhaps others be ignored completely. The answer unfortunately is "Yes" though the public has a right to know and the House an obligation as important as the so called "must" legislation rammed through Congress this year by President Johnson and Administration leaders," Dole concluded.