

House Vote on Re-Creation Postponed

Panel to Probe JFK, King Assassinations Dealt Blow

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Re-creation of the Select House Assassination Committee was pulled off the House floor yesterday amid attacks on its scope, possible investigating techniques and its staff director.

Several leaders predicted a limited investigation of the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will ultimately be approved. But prospective committee chairman Henry B. Gonzalez sounded pessimistic.

"I never had a fair chance," Gonzalez told newsmen after the decision to postpone the vote. "I'm like a prizefighter who gets knocked out before he even gets in the ring."

Gonzalez told newsmen that some people have urged him to fire staff director Richard A. Sprague, largely because of his request for electronic

eavesdropping devices, lie-detectors and voice stress evaluators.

"There have been a few insinuations; I wouldn't say demands," Gonzalez said. "But I say don't shoot the piano player, he is doing his best up to now."