

Gonzalez Urges Wider Probe of Assassinations

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Austin (AP) — Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., says a congressional review of the "decade of political assassinations" should include the deaths of not only President John F. Kennedy but also of Sen Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Gonzalez said that such a congressional probe probably should also include the attempted assassination of Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

"A decade of political assassinations has had a definite impact on the governmental and democratic processes of this nation, and I think Congress has an obligation to review them," Gonzalez said Sunday.

He said he feels that "sooner or later" the U.S. House of Representatives will act on his resolution to reinvestigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

He said his resolution is "not so much a desire to reopen, or try to correct the findings of the Warren Commission, but rather to review, from the perspective of almost 12 years since that death, those circumstances and some of the alleged inadequacies of the Warren Commission findings."

Asked if he thought the Warren Commission had "disregarded" any theories that should have been probed, Gonzalez responded:

"There may have been. They were under considerable pressure. Everybody now admits, including the chief counsel for the Warren Commission, that at the end of one year of the commission's

existence, there was tremendous pressure for them to bring in something.

"And there's no question now that now you have scientific evaluations and you have scientifically prepared men who have raised very important questions that I believe require some evaluation."

Gonzalez said he had 49 cosponsors for his resolution when Congress recessed.

He said he expects to pick up another 25 when the lawmakers return to Washington later this month.

"Then I intend to go before the Rules Committee. The reason that I wrote this in the form of a simple House resolution is that I cannot be shunted out of attention," he added.