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\$100,000 Sought For House Probe In Schorr Case

The House ethics committee voted 5 to 2 yesterday to request another \$100,000 to complete its controversial task of trying to learn who leaked the secret House CIA report to CBS reporter Daniel Schorr.

Although the committee has general authority to take needed funds from the House contingency fund without further action, it promised not to do so in the Schorr case.

In effect, the fund request puts to a House vote the question of whether the committee should proceed with plans to subpoena Schorr to ask the source of the leak and risk a constitutional confrontation over congressional powers versus press freedom.

If the House rejects the fund request, the committee presumably would not be able to proceed with the Sept. 15 hearing with Schorr.

Rep. John J. Flynt (D-Ga.), ethics committee chairman, said the committee ran out of money because the House Administration Committee last spring cut their budget request from \$350,000 to \$150,000 and limited the amount that could be spent for staff to \$130,000.

Flynt said the total cost of the Schorr investigation to date has been \$134,456. Unless more money is provided, the committee will be unable to write its report, he said. As of today the report would say the committee has been unable to learn who leaked

the report to Schorr.

Rep. Albert Quie (R-Minn.) said he voted against requesting any more money because he opposes subpoenaing Schorr.

"Schorr says he won't tell us his source," said Quie. "Are you going to cite him for contempt? The House may not vote us any more money if it is to be used to subpoena Schorr. We may be trying to do something that can't be done. The person who gave it to Schorr could tell us, but we don't know how to finger him."

"Don't you think we've already done that?" asked Flynt, who like some other members of the committee has suspicions but no proof of the source of the leak.

"No," replied Quie.

Rep. Floyd Spence (R-S.C.), senior Republican on the committee, moved to ask the House Administration Committee for \$50,000 to hold two more days of hearings and complete the committee's report. Rep. Edward Hutchinson (R-Mich.) proposed requesting \$100,000 to be on the safe side.

Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D-Fla.) cautioned that \$100,000 might be so high as to provide a "rallying point" for opponents who think it too much to put down "that rat hole." Hutchinson withdrew his motion, but Rep. Donald J. Mitchell (R-N.Y.) reoffered it, saying, "We're acting ridiculously. The House directed us to do this. We can't do it without more money."

On the 5-to-2 vote, Spence and Quie voted no and Hutchinson abstained.