House Supports Nedzi
Move to Curb Or End Probe On CIA Scene

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The House voted over-whelmingly yesterday to reject the resignation of Rep. Lucien Nedzi (D-Mich.) from its select CIA investigat-
ing committee, setting the stage for efforts either to curb or to end the entire investigation.

The vote was 290 to 44 to keep Nedzi as chairman, but Nedzi said later that he did not see how he could preside over the inquiry with the commi-

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Nedzi said he intends to wait and see what happens to the Sisk proposal before even calling another meeting of his deeply divided panel.

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"There's no going to lie down and roll over," he vowed.

The House vote, however, represented a solid defeat for the committee's restive mem-

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Nedzi said he finally agreed on a compromise plan last week to name a special CIA investigating subcommittee with Stanton as chairman, but dissatisfied with his appoint-

Thus, even if the House as a whole were to give me a vote of confidence, the small committee caucus could still control me," Nedzi said. "To remain as chairman under the present conditions would be to be an accomplice to a charade . . . Having been raised in the hard knocks of Detroit area life, I surely know the difference between a welcome mat and a doormat."

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Rep. Samuel Stratton (D-N.Y.) said he was afraid the CIA itself would be in jeopardy if the committee's Democratic majority had its way. What was needed, he maintained, was a chairman like Nedzi who could be counted on to conduct the inquiry "without putting everything in the (news) papers. That's the kind of a man we want."

Speaking for the committee Democrats, Edwards argued that a CIA investigation under Nedzi, in light of his past inaction, would simply not be "credible." He complained that Nedzi had not even consulted the Democratic majority on the panel about his appointments to the CIA subcommittee although it had been their understanding that he would do so.

Edwards contended that Nedzi would still have plenty to do presiding over an investigation of all the other agencies under the select committee's jurisdiction, but few members seemed impressed. The debate was cut short moments later.

House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.) said he had initially felt that GOP members should abstain from the Democratic issue, but decided to support Nedzi since he was seeking to resign from the committee as well as from the chairmanship.

Dellums told reporters that moments after the vote, he asked Nedzi on the House floor when the select committee would meet, only to be told that this would have to wait until "the Rules Committee works its will." "It's just the next phase of the cover-up," Dellums charged.

Rules Committee Chairman Ray Madden (D-Ind.) said he doubted Sisk's resolution would come up before Wednesday at the earliest.