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Findley Acts to Get Agnew House Hearing

Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.) came up with a new idea yesterday on how to get a House hearing for Vice President Agnew, but it seemed unlikely to succeed and Agnew's lawyers feared it could hurt rather than help their client.

Findley filed a resolution of inquiry which, if approved by the House, would direct the Attorney General to provide the House with any facts he possessed that Agnew had accepted bribes or committed any other criminal acts for which he is under grand jury investigation.

Findley said he took this step because House rules assure him a full-House vote on the resolution if the Judiciary Committee has not reported it back after seven days on which the House meets. Republicans had been unable to get a House vote on the issue after Speaker Carl Albert rejected Agnew's request for a House investigation of charges against him. Other resolutions for an inquiry were quietly laid to rest in the Rules Committee.

Findley's resolution would not begin an inquiry, only request information. He said Agnew's lawyers met with him yesterday to express concern that if Findley succeeded he would obtain only a one-sided presentation of the case against Agnew.

Findley said he assured them that if the House voted for his resolution it would further assure a balanced inquiry. Findley said his only interest is to quickly clear or impeach the Vice President in case the presidency should become vacant.

Democrats generally felt the

House would back Albert's decision that the House should not get into the Agnew case so long as it is before the courts.

In another Republican effort to obtain the hearing Agnew requested, Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R-Calif.) introduced a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to conduct an investigation of charges against Agnew and report back within 45 days. This was referred to the Rules Committee, which has refused to act on several similar resolutions referred to it.