

Panel Sustains Cut In Schorr Probe Fund

The House Administration Committee voted yesterday to preserve a deep slash in funds requested by the ethics committee to investigate the leak to CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr of an intelligence committee secret report on the CIA.

While sustaining the cut to \$150,000 from the requested \$350,000 the Administration Committee threw out a provision forcing ethics to use up to \$75,000 to provide lawyers for people it subpoenas or interrogates.

Both the fund cut and the lawyer money were the work of an Administration subcommittee headed by Rep. Frank Thompson (D-N.J.).

Because the investigation could result in contempt of Congress charges carrying a year's jail sentence, Thompson argued that counsel ought to be provided even if Congress had to pay for it.

But others on the commit-

tee said it would result in a "dangerous precedent," and Congress would be paying for lawyers for any committee who subpoenaed anyone.

By a 10-to-8 vote the committee stuck out into lawyer provision, then passed the \$150,000 funding measure by voice vote. It is scheduled for a floor vote Monday.

Rep. Sam Devine (R-Ohio), who offered the amendment cutting the ethics committee fund request, said it should not be taken as a signal that the house is losing interest in the Schorr investigation.

There had been speculation to that effect, intelligence committee member because Dale Milford (D-Tex.), outraged by the leak, has introduced a resolution to go ahead and publish the committee's still secret report, and because the ethics committee's fund request was slashed.

But Devine said he simply felt it was too much money.