

House OKs Funds for Assassination Probe

Washington

The House Assassination Committee won full House approval yesterday of a \$2.5 million budget to continue its investigation into the killings of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

The House voted 213 to 192 to adopt the budget for the committee's work through this year, but only after the panel came under heavy criticism.

"I would hope we could end this unnecessary, wasteful, counterproductive effort. The Justice Department should do the investigating if that is necessary," said Robert Bauman (Dem-Md.).

John Dent (Dem-Pa.), manager of the financial resolution, defended the panel and said "we must put to rest the surmises, surprises, guesses and wishes of those who want to keep the kettle boiling" over whether there were conspiracies in the killings.

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