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~~King-JFK~~ Probe Funds Get an OK

Washington

The House Rules Committee voted yesterday to revive the special panel created last year to investigate the John Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. assassinations, but on a temporary basis and with a limited budget.

The committee approved the plan by voice vote. It is scheduled for a vote by the full House today. Passage is expected after considerable debate and possible amendment.

Under the resolution, the 12-member assassination committee will be allowed to operate until March 31, and given a budget of \$84,000 a month retroactive to the start of the 95th Congress on January 4.

The resolution would require the committee — which came under fire for its big spending plans and the way it was organized — to submit a new set of rules and plans by March 31 if its life is to be extended through the current congressional session.

It permits investigation of the death "of any other persons the select committee shall determine might be related" to the Kennedy and King assassinations and to determine whether there was full disclosure of evidence by the Central Intelligence Agency, FBI and state and local officials.

The committee was created by the last Congress to conduct a "final" inquiry into the Kennedy and King slayings.

The compromise plan evolved after the committee failed last month to win renewal of its mandate under a proposed budget of \$13 million over two years and a staff of 170.

There was no immediate word on how the extension would affect Richard A. Sprague, appointed chief counsel and staff director when the assassination committee was formed late last year, and target of much of the criticism.

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