

House Bars Large Printings

ings of Reports by Impeachment Panel

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WASHINGTON, July 15.—The House of Representatives, registering a 197-169 vote, today rejected the nearly \$1-million cost for the printing of additional copies of the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry report. The vote was 197 for the resolution authorizing the cost, and 169 against, but fell short of the two-thirds margin needed to pass it.

Resolutions permitting the printing of extra copies of Congressional hearings and reports normally pass with little attention, and the current proposal slipped through the House last week without objection. It pro-

vides for 20,000 additional copies of the Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearings and 50,000 extra copies of its final report, on the possible impeachment of President Nixon at a total cost of \$989,000.

But the Senate backed on to the resolution, a requirement that the additional copies could not be sold to the public at less than the Government Printing Office's costs.

New Chance for Critics

The Senate action sent the resolution back to the House to be considered again and gave opponents of the measure a chance to round up votes against it.

With the House vote today, the resolution now goes back

again to the Senate, which could drop its amendment and permit the measure to go into effect. The Judiciary Committee could also send the measure through the Rules Committee, a move that would require a majority vote on the floor.

It was the second time this month that the House had rejected rather routine resolutions sought by the Judiciary Committee as part of the impeachment inquiry. In both cases, the measures received a majority vote but not the required two-thirds.

On July 1 the House failed on a vote of 207 to 140 to muster a two-thirds margin to waive the requirement that each member of the Judiciary

Committee have five minutes to cross-examine witnesses at its hearings.

Both resolutions required a two-thirds vote for passage because they were brought up under a procedure by which the House must suspend its rules and consider the resolutions immediately on the floor.

Rodino vs. Gross

Without the additional printing resolution only 1,000 copies of the committee's hearings and its final report can be printed at Government expense for use by the committee and the other members of the House and Senate.

In urging acceptance of the resolution, Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., Democrat of New Jersey and chairman of

the Judiciary committee, said there was such widespread interest in the impeachment inquiry that the public "has a right to know what's involved in this controversy" with the widespread dissemination of the committee's evidence and final report.

But Representative H. R. Gross, Republican of Iowa, urged his colleagues to "let's stop this here today," and let additional copies "be printed and paid for by the public if they are interested."

Representative Wayne L. Hayes, Democrat of Ohio and chairman of the House Administration Committee, said it was the first time he knew of that the first time he knew of that the Senate had altered a House printing resolution.