

So, it comes as quite a surprise that, notwithstanding the refutation of the only basis for the investigation, we have all been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury. There is no evidence for us to refute; no charge to explain; and no person making a public allegation who needs to be rebutted.

Some weeks ago, assuming your inquiry was sincere, Congressman Rostenkowski offered to provide your staff with information in order to put this matter to rest. They stated that they wanted this information in the grand jury or not at all. That did not seem like a sincere request to obtain relevant information, but a tactic to create a needless confrontation and media event.

We can only conclude that the subpoenas for us are a product of an overall fishing expedition in an election year. This conclusion is supported by an article in this morning's *Washington Times* in which someone obviously has leaked to the press the fact that subpoenas were issued. This article specifically includes "law enforcement officials" as sources.

The Constitution provides all American citizens—whether Members of Congress or not—with only one recourse by which to resist prosecutorial overreaching. That route, of course, is the right to refuse to testify under the fifth amendment of the Constitution. We, therefore, assert that constitutional right against testifying in this matter. We decline to lend any credence to any inquiry that lacks credibility and should be promptly closed.

Sincerely,

JOE KOLTER.
AUSTIN MURPHY.
DAN ROSTENKOWSKI.

§89.26 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. CALLAHAN, for today;
To Mrs. LLOYD, for today;
To Mr. MATSUI, for today;
To Mr. MARTIN of New York, for today;
To Mr. CLEMENT, for today after 1:15 p.m.;
To Mr. McNULTY, for today after 2 p.m.;
To Mr. YATES, for July 23 after 6 p.m.; and
To Mr. TAUZIN, for today after 2 p.m.
And then,

§89.27 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 3 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on Monday, July 27, 1992.

§89.28 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3168. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for leases of certain lands for oil and gas purposes; with amendments (Rept. 102610, Part 2). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ASPIN: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 3168. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for leases of certain lands for oil and gas purposes; with amendments (Rept. 102610, Part 3). Referred to the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H.R. 1219. A bill to designate wilderness, acquire certain valuable inholdings within National Wildlife Refuges and National Park System Units, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 102682, Part 2). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROE: Committee on Public Works and Transportation. H.R. 3243. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish routes on flight charts to safely guide pilots operating under visual flight rules through and in close proximity to terminal control areas and airport radar service areas; with amendments (Report No. 102712). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSE: Committee on House Administration. Investigation of the Office of the Postmaster, pursuant to House Resolution 340 (Rept. 102713). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 5193. A bill to improve the delivery of health care services to eligible veterans and to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Rept. 102714, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 5491. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Marlin, TX, as the "Thomas T. Connally Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center" (Rept. 102715). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5641. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the treatment of certain nonprofit organizations providing health benefits, and for other purposes (Rept. 102716). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5644. A bill to provide that certain costs of private foundations in removing hazardous substances shall be treated as qualifying distributions. (Rept. 102717). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5648. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the application of the wagering taxes to charitable organizations (Rept. 102718). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5650. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow non-exempt farmer cooperatives to elect patronage-sourced treatment for certain gains and losses, and for other purposes (Rept. 102719). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5661. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt transportation on certain ferries from the excise tax on transportation of passengers by water. (Rept. 102720). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 5400. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a program of comprehensive services for homeless veterans; with amendments (Rept. 102721). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

§89.29 REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3927. A bill to extend and revise rulemaking authority with respect to government securities under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; with an amendment; referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs for a period ending not later than August 7, 1992, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(d), rule X (Rept. 102722, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

§89.30 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. VOLKMER:

H.R. 5690. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for full deductibility of health insurance costs for self-employed individuals, to establish a National Health Care Commission, to provide for uniform health claims forms and uniform reporting standards, and to amend the Social Security Act to expand Medicare coverage of preventive services and to improve health insurance for small employers; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, Mr. VALENTINE, and Mr. PAYNE of Virginia):

H.R. 5691. A bill to promote expansion of international trade in furniture with Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JACOBS (for himself, Mr. DOWNEY, and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 5692. A bill to provide for the inclusion of specific items in any listing of impairments for the evaluation of human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] infection prescribed in regulations of the Secretary for use in making determinations of disability under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MAZZOLI (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 5693. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the spouses of citizens and permanent resident aliens to file classification petitions for immediate relative and second preference family status and to permit the use of credible evidence in spousal waiver applications for removal of conditional permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RHODES:

H.R. 5694. A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to ensure sufficient funding for Federal and State projects, to encourage multipurpose acquisitions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. SKEEN:

H.R. 5695. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to allow more people to become eligible for supplemental security income benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DANNEMEYER:

H. Res. 528. Resolution providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 240) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to