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Zablocki Hits Duplications In Intelligence

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Washington, D. C. — Representative Zablocki (Dem., Milwaukee) told the house rules committee Thursday that the proliferation of government agencies dealing in intelligence activities requires intensified congressional review.

Zablocki spoke for his resolution to create a joint congressional watchdog committee to check on the central intelligence agency (CIA) and other agencies dealing in intelligence matters. He has sought such a committee for the last 10 years.

Protesting that these activities now cost the taxpayers more than a billion dollars a year, Zablocki charged there is too much duplication of effort and conflict between agencies.

Last year, he charged, the defense department intelligence agency was seeking the overthrow of the Diem regime in South Vietnam while the CIA was supporting Diem.

Representative Daddario (Dem., Conn.), co-sponsor with Zablocki of the resolution, testified that the role of the CIA in world affairs "continues to be a matter of serious concern to congress."

Representative Lindsay (Rep., N. Y.), said the press has taken over the job of congress of acting as a watchdog in checking intelligence efforts.

Representative Ryan (Dem., N. Y.) insisted the CIA should confine itself to gathering intelligence and should not formulate foreign policy decisions.

Representative Delaney (Dem., N. Y.) doubted that the CIA and military intelligence units have properly coordinated their undercover work and that they sometimes wind up spying on each other.

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