

**Statement of Chairman John Conyers, Jr.
For the Record
House Committee on Administration
1309 Longworth; 3:15 pm
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Chairman Brady, Ranking Member Lungren, and Members of the Committee, it is my pleasure to appear before you today to provide a status report on the use of House Judiciary Committee funds. Mr. Smith, our Ranking Member, was unable to join me this afternoon; however, I understand he has a statement for the record.

In accordance with H.Res. 279, the Committee was allotted \$18,837,171 for expenses for the 111th Congress. The Committee's funding was \$9,238,436 for the 1st Session and is \$9,598,735 for the 2nd Session.

It is my understanding that the two-thirds/one-third split for the Minority payroll is satisfactory with the Minority. During calendar year 2009, the Committee spent \$8,363,679 on staff compensation. The Committee's operational expenses - travel, equipment, communications, printing, and other services - for the calendar year was \$545,799.

To implement the Committee's oversight and investigative agenda, 96 hearings were held. The

Committee convened 21 markups at which 35 bills were reported. The Committee's Impeachment Task Force held six hearings establishing the justification for the impeachment of former-judge Samuel B. Kent and G. Thomas Porteous. On June 19, 2009, the House voted unanimously to recommend the articles of impeachment against Mr. Kent to the Senate.

In support of the Committee's bi-partisan impeachment efforts, \$550,000 had been allocated for this work. Of these funds, \$218,066 represent the consultants' contract and the operational funds total \$318,849. At the conclusion of the 1st session, the Task Force's operational funds for 2009 totaled \$536,915.

The Committee's statement of expenses and fund balance spent as of December 2009 report indicated a balance of \$8,909,479. This figure will increase to reflect end-of-the-year expenses. The Committee therefore, anticipates an unspent balance of approximately \$106,037. The Committee anticipates its total spending for 2009 will be \$9,132,399.

Members of the Committee, I appreciate this opportunity to provide you with the Committee's budget status report, and am happy to respond to any questions you might have.