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— Rep. Wayne Hays emerged today from a coma induced by an overdose of sleeping pills, his doctor said. Hays smiled at his wife and spoke short sentences that made sense, the doctor reported.

Dr. Richard Phillips said the overdose taken by Hays, central figure in the congressional payroll-sex scandal which broke May 23, was apparently accidental and that Hays should be fully recovered within 10 days.

The 65-year-old Democratic congressman was in satisfactory condition, Phillips said, but is still technically semicomatose despite periods when he makes rational statements.

Hays was unconscious when taken to the hospital Thursday morning. He awakened at 5:30 a.m. this morning and asked to see his wife, Pat, who kept a night-long vigil at the hospital. She returned to the room later and the congressman smiled at her, Phillips said.

'His recovery should be complete,'" Phillips told a midmorning press briefing. After his release from the hospital he will have to rest for a week to 10

days before returning to his congressional duties, the doctor said.

In Washington, meanwhile, House leaders said today that a proposal to force Hays to resign as chairman of the House Administration Committee will be put off until he recovers.

The proposal was scheduled
for action next Wednesday at a
meeting of the House
Democratic Caucus, but House
Speaker Carl Albert and House

Democratic leader Thomas P
O'Neill said there is no question
that meeting will be postponed.

Phillips said studies of the
blood are being made now at the
University of Pittsburgh to
determine the amount of the
sleeping-pill overdose. The pills
had been prescribed for Hays
because he was under stress,
Phillips said.

Also at the briefing was Carol
Clawson, Hays's Washington

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