

Dies Asks Congress' Aid On Libel Suits

By the Associated Press

Chairman Dies (Democrat) of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has asked that Congress pay the expenses he has incurred in connection with two libel suits brought against him.

Disclosing he had submitted bills for \$611 to the House Accounts Committee, Dies said yesterday his purpose was to obtain an expression of policy as to whether Congress desired that legal expenses incurred by committee members through their official actions should be borne by the Government or by the individuals involved.

"If it should be held that each member must pay out of his own pockets these expenses," the Texan said, "the first thing you know there will be thousands of libel actions filed against us and we will all be bankrupt."

The \$611, Dies said, represented the costs in two suits, one filed by David Vaughan, Government executive, and the other by J. A. Potts of Richmond, Va. Vaughan withdrew his action after Dies apologized and said it was a case of mistaken identity when he accused Vaughan of affiliation with a "Communist front organization." Dies said Potts' case still is pending in the courts.