

'Frivolous' Nixon Homes Spending Hit

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A member of a House committee investigating the use of tax revenues for presidential homes yesterday accused the administration of spending federal money on "frivolous luxuries" for President Nixon's properties.

"The President's aides have shown poor judgment in the excessive spending of tax dollars for improvement of presidential vacation facilities," said Rep. Robert E. Jones (D-Ala.) in a statement.

He said the executive branch agencies have spent more than \$17 million for Mr. Nixon's three privately owned properties and office complexes, including homes in San Clemente, Calif., and Key Biscayne, Fla., and the New York city apartment Mr. Nixon sold several months after becoming President.

The final draft of a proposed report to be considered by the House Government Operations Committee says that Mr. Nixon's homes have cost \$17.1 million in federal funds.

The report also said the federal agencies should try to recover any improper expenditures. Copies of the report have been distributed to committee members. The Associated Press was permitted to take notes from one copy.

In comparison with federal expenditures on Mr. Nixon's properties, Jones said, the cost for protection and related improvements during President Johnson's terms was \$5.9 million.