

# Presidential Home Curb Eyed

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A bill working its way through Congress would limit major permanent security improvements to a single presidential home away from the White House.

It also would bar any permanent installations costing more than \$5,000 at any other privately owned property. The government would have to be reimbursed for all improvements if the installations could not be returned, according to the bill.

Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) whose Government Operations subcommittee concluded that more than \$17 million had been spent on former President Nixon's Florida and California compounds and on the Bahamas home of Robert Abplanalp, introduced the bill to curtail future expenditures

and limit them strictly to security purposes.

The ranking Republican on Government Operations, Rep. Frank Horton of New York, who endorses the bill, said in checking at the White House he found no opposition to it.

Mr. Ford disclosed during his vice presidential confirmation hearings last fall that he owned a \$60,000 condominium in Vail, Colo., where he and his family like to ski.

He said he also owned a home in Alexandria, Va., from which he moved to the White House on Monday; a home in Grand Rapids, Mich., and an interest in a Michigan cabin. He has rented or intends to rent the two homes.

The bill would require Mr. Ford to designate one of the homes as his permanent resi-

dence in order to qualify for major security improvements.

Expenditures on the others, should he decide to reside in them, would be limited by the proposed bill.

Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller, who owns several homes, would be subjected to the same limitations.