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Suit filed over copyright on film of JFK's death

The son of Abraham Zapruder, the late dress manufacturer who recorded with a home movie camera the assassination of John F. Kennedy, should be stopped from selling rights to the famous footage for up to \$30,000, two researchers said yesterday in a lawsuit.

The U.S. District Court suit argued that Henry G. Zapruder, a Washington tax lawyer, should not have a copyright claim to the 8mm film that captured for history the shooting of Kennedy 25 years ago next month.

"It's an historical event and it's far too important to American history to allow it's use to be dictated by a copyright owner who has shown no sensitivity for its importance and for the uses which scholars and writers want to make of it," said James H. Lesar, an attorney and vice president of the Assassination Archives, a private research group.

Mr. Zapruder, reached by telephone late yesterday, refused to answer specific questions about the suit, but said the family only charges people who use the film for commercial purposes.

Senate gives final OK to aid for homeless

The Senate yesterday passed and sent to President Reagan legislation authorizing \$1.3 billion in emergency food and housing, health care and other help for the nation's homeless.

The legislation authorizes spending of \$633.8 million for fiscal 1989, and \$682.8 million in fiscal 1990. However, Congress appropriated only \$378 million for this fiscal year, and \$360.5 million for fiscal 1990.

The bill allows the federal government to provide money to states, municipalities and private agencies for rental assistance, health care, mental health services, alcohol and drug abuse programs, education and job training projects.

Advocates for the nation's homeless population — estimated at between 250,000 and 3 million people — complain that Congress has yet to provide all of the money authorized in the bill.

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