

Panel on Assassinations Allowed To Seek Immunity for Witnesses

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UPI)—The House voted today, 290 to 112, to allow the committee investigating the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to ask Federal courts to grant immunity to witnesses.

Representative Louis Stokes, Democrat of Ohio, said the Select Committee on Assassinations probably already had the power to make immunity applications to courts, but the power should be clearly specified so that there would be no question.

Mr. Stokes said the committee already had identified 100 to 150 witnesses in the Kennedy case alone for whom immunity might be requested.

Representative Robert E. Bauman, Republican of Maryland, opposed the resolution, saying the committee should be forced to ask the House for permission to grant immunity to each witness.