Slayings Panel Given Immunity Bid Power

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The House voted 290-112 yesterday to allow the committee investigating the assassinations of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. to assifederal courts to grant immunity to witnesses.

Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, chairman of the Select Committee on Assassinations, said before the vote that the committee probably already had the power to make immunity applications to courts, but the power should be clearly spelled out so there would be no question.