

Way Cleared For Saxbe's Nomination

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The House voted yesterday to lower the Attorney General's salary by \$25,000 a year, clearing the way for President Nixon to nominate Sen. William B. Saxbe (R-Ohio) for the job.

There was no immediate indication from the White House when the nomination would be sent to the Senate, but Mr. Nixon was expected to sign the salary bill quickly. The Senate passed it Thursday, also by voice vote.

An aide said the Senate Judiciary Committee would attempt to act on the nomination quickly so Saxbe could be approved before Congress adjourns for Christmas. But some committee members believe Saxbe cannot legally hold the office.

The salary reduction bill would allow Saxbe to circumvent a constitutional provision prohibiting him from taking an office for which he voted a salary increase during the same congressional term.

Saxbe was in the first year of his current Senate term in 1969 when Congress voted to raise the salary for Cabinet officers from \$35,000 to \$60,000.