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Detention Camp Repeal Moves Ahead

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The House Judiciary Committee yesterday approved a bill that would repeal the Emergency detention Act which grew out of World War II confinement of 12,000 Japanese-Americans.

The committee measure would wipe out the act which provides that in the event of declared war or an invasion of the United States or insurrection in this country the President could detain anyone he suspected would commit sabotage or espionage.

The bill is in contrast to a measure approved last month by the House Internal Security Committee which would amend the act to require that in the case of insurrection the President would not detain anyone without approval of Congress.

The two bills will come before the House Rules Committee to decide which will be sent to the House floor for a vote.

The judiciary committee's bill would not only repeal the entire act but it would add new language in its place that would provide the President cannot detain under any circumstances persons in so-called "detention centers" without prior approval of Congress.

The present act, passed in 1950, stemmed from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's executive order confining in camps all persons of Japanese ancestry living in Pacific coast states.

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