

Ford Offers Information Act Ideas

Washington.

President Ford, who vetoed revisions in the Freedom of Information Act, sent to Congress yesterday compromise amendments he said would be more acceptable to him.

Mr. Ford last week vetoed a measure designed to broaden public access to government documents. He said some provisions were "unconstitutional and unacceptable" and would endanger the effectiveness of the Pentagon, State Department and law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Ford suggested one change to reduce the burden of law enforcement agencies to produce upon request information from their investigatory files and to shift from them the burden of proving in court that release would have a harmful effect on their work.

He also wanted to change a section of the bill which would permit courts to review classified documents to determine if they were justifiably classified. Instead, he wants to allow the review "only if there is no reasonable basis to support the classification."

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