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# House Unit Opposes Nixon Home Funds

The House Appropriations Committee voted yesterday to prohibit spending government funds to improve President Nixon's privately owned homes unless Congress approves.

The committee added to a \$4.8 million money authorization bill a requirement that the House and Senate appropriations committees approve the spending of federal funds on private property.

The committee acted in the wake of revelations that the government has spent \$2 million on Mr. Nixon's homes at San Clemente, Calif., and Key Biscayne, Fla.

The Secret Service was reported to have suggested the improvements in its role as the official protector of the President, but details of the funding included such items as flagpoles, shrubbery and swimming pool cleaning equipment.

In addition, it was later revealed, the Secret Service had ordered \$125,000 worth of improvements to the private home of Vice President Agnew outside Washington including home repairs, landscaping and a \$40,000 wall.

The Appropriations Committee bill covered funds for the White House, Treasury, Postal Service and other governmental activities for

the fiscal year that started on July 1. It was some \$57 million below Mr. Nixon's budget request.

The committee completely knocked out of the bill a \$1.5 million allocation — the entire request Mr. Nixon suggested for so-called special projects within the White House.

The committee said that it could not determine from the Office of Management and Budget what those funds were to be used for, so that panel deleted the entire request.