

House Retains Internal Security Panel

Washington

The House voted yesterday to keep alive the Internal Security Committee.

On a vote of 247 to 86, the House agreed to finance the committee that civil libertarians and others say has outlived its usefulness.

The committee, formerly

known as the House Committee on Un-American Activities, has been subject of controversy for some time and financing is an annual battle.

Representative Robert F. Drinan (Dem-Mass.), a Jesuit priest and member of the committee, argued vigorously that it be abolished be-

cause it is "no longer justified."

The committee keeps dossiers on 750,000 Americans, he said, including one he found on a rabbi in his district whose name was included after it was reported he attended a Socialist meeting.

Asked about a committee

report on the Symbionese Liberation Army, the group that kidnaped Patricia Hearst, Drinan said that while the public needs to be told of such groups, it is a function of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

Representative Richard H. Ichord (Dem-Mo.), chair-

man of the Internal Security Committee, disputed Drinan's figure of 750,000 entries and said "it is proper that this committee should investigate those groups who advocate overthrowing our government."

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