

SENATE UNIT CUTS FUNDS FOR NIXON

Over Half Slashed With Ban on Use for Servants

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (UPI) —A Senate subcommittee voted today to deprive former President Richard M. Nixon of more than half of the \$850,000 requested for his return to private life and insisted that none of it be spent for household servants.

An Administration source, meanwhile, said that Mr. Nixon, now hospitalized, had been "very irritable" about the "begrudging attitude" in govern-

ment to deny him the special privileges afforded other former Presidents. "He feels everyone is giving him a hard time," the source added.

The subcommittee voted unanimously to cut the request for Mr. Nixon to \$328,000, a figure expected to be approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee next week.

The vote followed a disclosure before the subcommittee that the Government had been paying salaries amounting to \$420,000 a year for 22 employees on the payroll at Mr. Nixon's San Clemente, Calif., estate — including a butler and maid.

The subcommittee approved \$55,000 for 11 months of Mr. Nixon's pension and \$200,000 for transition expenses, such as moving. But a requested \$110,

000 for a vault and guards to protect Watergate tapes and papers and \$50,000 for office equipment were cut.

Staff members said the subcommittee felt that the 186 chairs, 21 sofas and 77 typewriters that Mr. Nixon has already received from the Government should suffice.

The subcommittee also cut a requested \$10,000 travel budget to \$3,000, trimmed a \$35,000 communications request to \$21,000 and reduced the "miscellaneous contingency" fund from \$26,000 to \$3,000.

The House Appropriations Committee earlier voted to provide only \$398,000 of President Ford's requested \$850,000 for Mr. Nixon's transition expenses through next June 30.