

House Unit

OKs Plan for
Nixon Tapes

Washington

A bill to nullify the Ford administration's agreement giving former President Nixon control over Watergate-related tapes and documents was approved 20 to 0 yesterday by the House Administration Committee.

The bill, which also would establish a 17-member commission to study the handling of documents of all federal officials, will be taken up by the House next week. Similar legislation already has passed the Senate.

President Ford and the special Watergate prosecutor's office already have renegotiated the original agreement to assure access to the Nixon material by the special prosecutor.

The House bill would retain possession of the tapes and papers in the federal government, with Mr. Nixon having full access to them but prohibited from removing them.

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