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(100) WASHINGTON, MAY 3 (AP)-THE HOUSE ACTED TODAY TO FILL A GAP IN THE SECRET SERVICE'S AUTHORITY IN PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT.

IT APPROVED A BILL TO GIVE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS THE POWER TO MAKE ARRESTS WITHOUT WARRANTS FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED IN THEIR PRESENCE.

U.S. MARSHALS AND FBI AGENTS HAVE HAD THAT VOWER FOR YEARS.

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BUT THE SECRET SERVICE, ALTHOUGH CHARGED WITH PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, HAS HAD NO MORE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ARRESTS WITHOUT WARRANTS FOR OFFENSES AGAINST THE PRESIDENT THAN ANY ORDINARY CITIZEN.

THE SECRET SERVICE ASKED FOR THE POWER AS AN AFTERMATH OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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