

Nader Calls on Congress to Reassert Its Authority
Over Spending

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Washington, Jan. 30 - Ralph Nader, the consumer activist, urged Congress today to reassert its constitutional powers and thus prevent President Nixon from developing "a do-it-yourself Congress right inside the White House Complex."

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Mr. Nader, the leadoff witness in four days of hearings by Senator Ervin's subcommittee, declared that control over the budget was only one of several powers Congress had allowed itself to lose.

He asserted that the President could, without any Congressional consent, make war, enter into treaties with other governments by calling them "executive agreements," transfer Cabinet authority to White House aides immune from Congressional inquiry, and fundamentally reorganize the Government.

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