

Close Look Urged at Nixon Funds

Washington

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday that the \$850,000 sought for former President Nixon's pension and transition expenses should be "looked at most carefully."

President Ford has asked Congress to appropriate the money to pay for Mr. Nixon's pension and his office, postage and travel expense over the next 11 months.

Mansfield said, "where the law is concerned I would say we have no choice. Where add-ons are concerned, they will be looked at most carefully."

The law permits Mr. Nixon an annual pension of \$60,000 and a staff allotment of \$96,000 a year. The additional funds were requested for other transitional expenses, including setting up an office in San Clemente and the cost of answering more than 300,000 letters Mr. Nixon has received since leaving office.

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