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**Secrecy  
Control  
Move**

Washington

Senators Edmund S. Muskie (Dem-Maine), and Jacob K. Javits (Rep-N.Y.), have teamed up to propose legislation aimed at restoring the balance between secrecy and accountability in government.

The two liberal senators propose a "government secrecy control act" they say is designed to reassert the role of Congress in determining what information can be kept secret for reasons of national security.

Hearings on the proposed law are scheduled to begin Thursday.

The legislature, due to be introduced today, calls for the establishment of a "Congressional monitor" over information classification practices and a "strong, central White House review office" to police those practices inside the executive branch.

Muskie, citing an "inherent conflict" between the need for secrecy and the need for a fully-informed public in a democracy, said the only answer is to find "the balance between a society that is open and one that is dangerously closed."

Javits said attempts by the Nixon administration to reform the classification system have been "only partially successful."

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