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Senate Votes to Repeal '50 Detention Camp Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UPI)—The Senate today completed Congressional repeal of 1950 law authorizing the Government to operate detention camps for suspected spies and saboteurs in times of national emergency.

The legislation, identical to that passed by the House on Tuesday on a 356-to-49 vote, not only repealed the Emergency Detention Act, which was never used, but also included language requiring an act of Congress before anyone can be imprisoned or detained except under existing criminal laws.

Senate action, on a voice vote, sent the measure to the White House for President Nixon's signature. Although Mr. Nixon helped write the bill when he was a House member, his Administration supported its repeal.

The act provided that, in case of war, invasion or insurrection in aid of a foreign enemy, the Government could detain anyone whom it suspected might engage in espionage or sabotage without due process of law.