SENATE PASSES BILL TO CURB PRYING INTO EMPLOYES' LIVES

Washington, Sept. 13 (Reuters) - The Senate approved today a bill prohibiting indiscriminate prying into the sex habits and personal beliefs of Government workers here and abroad.

The legislation, passed by a vote of 79 to 4, would not prevent the Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation from pursuing such inquiries when national security was at stake.

The bill was drawn up in the wake of complaints from Federal employes and job applicants that they had to undergo questioning infringing on their rights of privacy.

The bill, requiring House approval, also was aimed at eliminating such practices as a 13-year-old Navy Department directive warning employes to seek advice on joining political associations.