

## New Plan on Vice Presidents

Washington

A proposed constitutional amendment to end the popular election of the vice president is to be introduced today by Senator Robert P. Griffin.

The proposal would have the president-elect, before his inauguration, nominate a vice president subject to confirmation by Congress.

The 25th Amendment to the Constitution provided for such a process for filling a

vacancy in the vice presidency. Griffin's proposal would have every vice president chosen in such a fashion.

In a speech prepared for the Senate, Griffin (Rep-Mich.), the Republican whip, said:

"In contrast to the hurried, harried, haphazard way a vice president is now selected — almost as an afterthought at the political convention — my proposal would allow the president-elect, as well as Congress, ample time for sober reflection, thorough investigation and deliberate consideration in choosing the vice president ..."

The 25th Amendment is being brought into play for the first time because of the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. President Nixon has nominated House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford to succeed Agnew.

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