

Land Use Bill Death Argued

Rep. Sam Steiger (R-Ariz.) said yesterday that blaming the defeat of the land use bill on "impeachment politics" poses "a very real threat to an already lurching legislative process."

"If the liberals start screaming 'impeachment politics' every time a new federal grab is stopped, they are going to intimidate some congressmen in this election year," Steiger said. "That is a use for Watergate that even The Washington Post and The New York Times hadn't thought of."

The House defeated the land use bill Tuesday, and the bill's chief backers, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.), blamed "impeachment politics," charging that the President changed his position on the Senate-passed bill to retain the support of conserva-

tive members of the House on impeachment.

Steiger and others denied the charge on the House floor yesterday. Steiger said he was "offended by the implication that I and all of the other concerned members of Congress on both sides of the political aisle were part of some kind of a deal to trade for impeachment support."

Rep. Thomas Foley (D-Wash.) said the Udall-Jackson charges were not made against members of Congress, but against the President for changing his position on the measure, which would have given federal aid to states to develop land-use programs.

Steiger denied the President shifted his position, saying the President "never supported the Udall bill. The President supported strongly the concept of land-use planning. He

still does. He was made aware of the restrictive nature of the Udall bill by myself. He agreed, after analysis, that private property was jeopardized . . ."

Travel Stamps Get U.S. Funding

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 13 (UPI)—Transportation stamps for the elderly, an idea conceived in the rural community of Dogbone, W. Va., four years ago, became a pilot project today.

The \$4 million federal program, which eventually may be broadened to include all states, provides low-cost stamps to the state's elderly, who may use them to purchase rides on any public conveyance—buses, trains, taxis and airlines.