

White House Is Blamed For Inflation

House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) yesterday rejected claims that federal spending should be cut and blamed the nation's inflation problems on the "confusing and chaotic" policies of the Nixon administration.

Albert made one of his rare floor speeches after he and other Democratic congressional leaders held a two-hour closed-door meeting with 12 of the most prominent business leaders in the country.

At the meeting, according to Senate Majority Whip Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) called for a \$10 billion budget cut—twice the size some administration officials have recommended.

The meeting came as President Nixon—who met with some of the same businessmen last week—prepared a national address on the subject of the economy.

Albert made his speech after a lengthy luncheon with the heads of such firms as ARCO (Atlantic Richfield), DuPont, Kennecott Copper, Coca Cola, Weyerhaeuser, J.C. Penney Co., Xerox and the First National City Bank of New York.

Sixteen key Democrats from the House and Senate joined the business executive and the heads of the Democratic governors' and mayors' caucuses at the session, arranged and hosted by party Chairman Robert S. Strauss.