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**Bentsen Asks U.S.
To Pay Legal Cost**

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex) said yesterday he will introduce legislation if necessary to have the federal government pay President Nixon's legal expenses in connection with impeachment.

Noting that the prosecutors in a Senate trial would be paid out of public funds, Bentsen said the President "should not have to seek charity or call on wealthy friends" to pay for his defense.

"The amount of money we are talking about is small when compared to the magnitude of this issue," Bentsen said.