

Senate Panel Cuts Nixon Funds More Than Half to \$328,000

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (UPI) — A Senate subcommittee voted today to deprive former President Richard Nixon of more than half of the \$640,000 in miscellaneous contingency fund money.

The subcommittee chairman, Joseph Montoya, Democrat of New Mexico, said that Budget Director Roy Ash prompted some of the cuts when he tried to justify the expenditures for household servants, a maid and butler, saying that Mr. Nixon, with servants to shine his shoes and do the housework Mr. Nixon would be free for activities in government transition.

Administration sources said that Mr. Nixon, hospitalized, had been "unpleasant" about the "unpleasant" attitude in government to deny him the special privileges afforded other former Presidents. He feels "it is a hard time" for the former President.

The subcommittee voted to cut the request for \$640,000 to \$328,000. The request was approved by the House Appropriations Committee.

The vote followed a disclosure that the Government had been paying salaries amounting to \$14,000 a year for 22 employees on the payroll at Mrs. Nixon's home in Clear Lake, Calif. — including a butler and handmaid. The subcommittee approved \$15,000 for 11 months of Mr. Nixon's salary and \$200,000 for Washington expenses, such as travel, but excluded \$150,000 for an annual \$10,000 to \$12,000 for office expenses.

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