House Votes Funds for Nixon

Washington

The House voted late yesterday to provide former President Nixon \$200,000 for his transition to private life, less than a quarter of what was sought, but rejected a move to strip him of his pension.

In a series of votes on amendments to a supplemental appropriation bill, the House pared \$198,000 from an already greatly reduced proposed allowance for Mr. Nixon's office and staff expenses and for his pension in the first year out of office.

The amended bill, which included \$8.4 billion for edu-

cation programs, was approved 317 to 72 and sent to the Senate.

The sharp cuts in the proposed allowance were triggered in part by a determination that \$316,000 is known to have been spent already on Mr. Nixon's transition to private life, plus an undetermined amount provided him in the form of services by government employees.

House members were angered when government officials could not provide a comprehensive total of spending on the transition. and one member introduced a resolution — still pending — that would direct the White House to come up with such a total.

President Ford had asked for \$850.000 for Mr. Nixon's first-year expenses, but a House appropriations subcommittee trimmed that to \$398,000.

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