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**HOUSE ACTS ON BILL
ON NIXON'S PAPERS**

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The House has begun action on a Senate bill that would require the Government to take possession of former President Richard M. Nixon's tapes and papers and open up those dealing with Watergate to the public.

The bill requires public access "to provide the public with the full truth, at the earliest reasonable date, of the abuses of governmental power popularly identified under the generic term Watergate."

What public access means is not detailed.

The bill was approved by voice vote without dissent by the House Printing Subcommittee after revisions were made to put more emphasis on the requirement for opening up the material to public access.

The subcommittee added a provision that would create a 17-member commission to determine whether documents of Presidents and other public officials are their personal property or public property.

The chairman of the panel, John Brademas, Democrat of Indiana, said that he expected House Administration Committee approval tomorrow and House action the first week in December.