

Bill to Give Nixon \$200,000 Costs And Pension Signed

VAIL, Colo., Dec. 27 (UPI)—President Ford signed legislation today providing \$200,000 for former President Richard M. Nixon's pension and office expenses.

The funds, cut drastically by Congress from Mr. Ford's original request of \$850,000, includes \$55,000 for Mr. Nixon's pension and an allowance for a reduced staff and office expenses.

One of the major items Congress cut from the bill was funds for Mr. Nixon to build or buy a vault in California to store the White House tapes and other documents from his Administration. The legislation prohibits the use of any funds from the supplemental appropriation for transferring the tapes or other Nixon Administration documents to California.

Another bill passed earlier by Congress and signed by Mr. Ford gives custody of the tapes and other Nixon documents to the General Services Administration. Mr. Nixon has filed suit to overturn that law.

The Nixon funds were part of an \$8.6-billion supplemental appropriation that includes "start-up" funds for several new Federal programs, including \$2.3-billion of advance 1976 appropriations for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's education programs.

The measure also carries watered-down language that provides that none of the money can be used to carry out court-ordered school busing unless a court finds that such a ban is unconstitutional.

Mr. Ford also signed a joint resolution authorizing the Democratic-dominated 94th Congress to convene at noon Jan. 14.