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House OKs Presidential Home Curb

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The House unanimously passed and sent to the Senate yesterday a measure that would place limitations on the amount of money that can be spent on security for presidential homes.

The same measure was passed by the House last year as one of the results of the Watergate scandal, but was lost in the crush of legislation in the Senate at adjournment time.

A key provision of the measure would limit full-time security measures to only one residence of the President, vice president or any other official designated to have Secret Service protection.

It would also require all improvements to property or other items furnished for the property to be returned to the government when protection is ended or the government is to be reimbursed for them.

Representative Jack Brooks (Dem-Tex.), now chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, introduced the measure last year after his subcommittee found that \$17 million was spent on the private homes maintained by President Nixon at Key Biscayne, Fla., and San Clemente.

If President Ford or future presidents decide to have two or more privately owned homes away from the White House, he would have to designate one of them for permanent protection.

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