

# Senate Orders Broad Exposure Of Nixon Tapes and Documents

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UPI)—The Senate ordered today the broadest possible public exposure of 42 million documents collected by the Nixon Administration.

The voice vote came without debate; no dissenting voice was heard. The action could result in the eventual public broadcast of President Nixon's Watergate tapes, with few exceptions for items of national security.

The Senate rejected guidelines proposed by the General Services Administration governing the Nixon documents, papers and tapes. The material is locked up under court order in a suit by the former President.

Arthur F. Sampson, the Nixon-appointed head of the General Services Administration who is resigning effective Oct. 15, drafted the regulations. Disapproval by either the House or the Senate is enough to compel the agency to redraft the regulations.

The regulations proposed by the General Services Administration were intended to restrict access to materials that would disclose national security secrets or that were purely personal in nature or "would tend to embarrass, damage or harass living persons."

But the Senate action ordered the agency to draft access regulations providing the fewest possible exceptions if the courts find that the documents

belong to the American people.

Mr. Nixon has challenged a law that gives the Government custody of his Administration's documents, and has gone to court to seek legal title and absolute control of access over them. Ultimately, the Supreme court to seek legal title and process that could take a year or more.

The House Administration Committee's Subcommittee on Printing voted yesterday to recommend disapproval of the regulations.

The General Services Administration wanted to prohibit reproduction of the Nixon tapes of Watergate-related conversations. That proposal was disapproved, too, making it possible some day that the tapes will be re-recorded and played on the radio or sold in albums.

But independent court efforts to permit radio broadcast of the tapes so far have been unsuccessful.