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## WATERGATE REFORM

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WASHINGTON, April 9 (UPI)

—Legislation making governmental reforms to lessen the chances of another Watergate was approved unanimously today by the Senate Government Operations Committee.

The bill would also tighten financial Disclosure regulations for the 15,000 highest paid Government employees, including members of the House and Senate.

The legislation, approved unanimously, is based on recommendations by the Senate Watergate committee, which was instrumental in breaking the cover-up of the affair that drove Richard M. Nixon from the Presidency.

The bill carries mechanism for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate official misbehavior that involves the President, Vice President, Cabinet members the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and top Presidential advisers. Another section creates a division in the Justice Department to deal with other crimes in Government.

One section sets strict financial disclosure requirements for Government employees earning \$36,338 or more annually.