Congress OKs Showing of Kennedy Film in U.S.

Washington

Congress cleared the way yesterday for Americans to see a Government-made film on the life and death of President Kennedy.

Final approval came on a voice vote in the House. The resolution, previously passed by the Senate, now goes to the White House for President Johnson's signature.

The action was the climax of months of controversy over allowing commercial showing of the film, "John F. Kennedy—years of lightning, day of drums." It was produced by the United States information agency for audiences overseas.

There is a long-standing policy, but no law, against the showing of such propaganda films in the United States. A report accompanying the bill to the floor stipulated that the film ought not to be used for partisan political fund-raising.

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U.S. profits from commercial showings of the film would go to the treasury. Of these funds, \$122,000 would be earmarked for reimbursing the Government for the cost of making the film. The remainder would be used in operating the John F. Kennedy center for performing arts and 29 other languages in 117 countries overseas. It has been shown privately to several groups in the United States.

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