

U.S. LAW ON KILLING A PRESIDENT GAINS

WASHINGTON, June 8 (UPI)—The House Judiciary Committee approved Tuesday one of the key recommendations of the Warren Commission—a bill making it a Federal crime to murder a President.

The measure would also cover assassination of the Vice President, persons who have been elected President and Vice President but have not taken their oaths, and any other Federal official who is "next in order of succession to the office of President."

Because the slaying of a President is not now a Federal crime, neither the Secret Service nor the Federal Bureau of Investigation had jurisdiction over Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's assassin. F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover has contended that Oswald would not have been subsequently killed by Jack L. Ruby if he had been in Federal custody.

The legislation approved Tuesday would empower the Attorney General to offer rewards up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of persons who harm or try to harm the President and the Vice President.