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(110) ASSASSINATION

WASHINGTON, JULY 20 (AP)-THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVED TODAY A HOUSE-PASSED BILL TO MAKE THE ASSASSINATION OF A PRESIDENT A FEDERAL CRIME, PUNISHABLE BY DEATH.

THE LEGISLATION WAS URGED BY THE COMMISSION THAT INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN NOVEMBER 1963.

THE BILL WOULD MAKE IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO KILL, KIDNAP OR ASSAULT THE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, THE VICE PRESIDENT OR, IF THERE IS NO VICE PRESIDENT, THE OFFICER NEXT IN LINE OF SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY.

IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE A FEDERAL CRIME UNDER THE BILL TO ATTEMPT, OR TO CONSPIRE, TO KILL OR KIDNAP ANY OF THESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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