

Bush, Committee Chiefs Oppose Intel

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director George Bush joined two powerful Senate committee chairmen Wednesday in opposing plans to create a congressional panel to monitor the U.S. intelligence agencies.

The proposal would give to the new panel some of the jurisdiction the two committees now have in monitoring intelligence activities.

Bush declined to comment on the jurisdictional dispute. Instead, he argued that the legislation to create a new committee did not provide sufficient safeguards

against the disclosure of intelligence secrets.

Asked specifically if the administration could support the legislation in its present form, Bush said no.

The testimony came at a Senate Rules Committee hearing on a resolution that would create an 11-member Senate panel to monitor the activities and spending of the Central Intelligence Agency, the FBI, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and other intelligence agencies.

Armed Services Committee Chairman John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) said that creation of an oversight panel would leave his own committee "stripped to the bone."

Sen. Roman Hruska (R-Neb.) testifying in place of Judiciary Committee Chairman James Eastland (D-Miss.), urged the Rules Committee not to give the proposed oversight panel jurisdiction over the FBI.

The resolution, which would not be legally binding, states that other Senate committees which have previously exercised jurisdiction over the various intelli-

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gence agencies would relinquish some of their powers to the new panel.

"It just won't work," said Stennis, whose armed services panel has traditionally monitored intelligence operations.

"I'm ashamed of some of the things the CIA got into here at home and of course knew nothing about it," Stennis said. "But that doesn't mean you've got to destroy the jurisdiction" of the Armed Services Committee, he added.

Stennis argued that it was impractical to separate intelligence operations from

the bulk of defense activities that come under his committee's jurisdiction.

And Hruska said that it was impossible to separate the FBI's intelligence activities from its law enforcement functions.

Bush said his principal concern "is over the proliferation of sensitive intelligence operations information . . . throughout the Congress."

He particularly objected to a section of the resolution which would allow committee members to disclose intelligence secrets to other senators and to a provision

that would give the Senate power to declassify intelligence data despite the president's objections.

Pigeon War Declared

BASEL, Switzerland (UPI) — Public authorities have declared war against pigeons with fines starting at \$40 to persons caught feeding the birds. Pigeon feeders will be fined at first but face arrest for repeated offenses.