

Senate CIA Watch Plan Wins Vote

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A resolution sponsored by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), authorizing a Senate select committee to supervise the work of the Central Intelligence Agency, won a test vote in the Foreign Relations Committee yesterday. The committee is expected to pass the resolution next Tuesday.

The proposed group would be named the Committee on Intelligence Operations and also would scrutinize the work of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and other foreign intelligence agencies of the U.S. Government.

It would consist of the six Senators from the Senate Armed Services Committee and Appropriations Committees who presently keep watch on the CIA, as well as three new members from the Foreign Relations Committee.

Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.), who runs the existing CIA watchdog group, already has refused chairman J. William Fulbright's request to add to it members of Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee.

Even if the Foreign Relations Committee gives its endorsement next Tuesday, the creation of a new CIA committee must be approved by the Senate Rules Committee and by the whole Senate. Many conservative Senators oppose the change.

Fulbright and McCarthy were supported yesterday by other Foreign Relations Committee members who think that the CIA needs further supervision because its role in the implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Both Fulbright and McCarthy said that they believe the CIA itself is not opposed to the creation of the Senate select committee.