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An assistant attorney genhead the new Environmental ing pollutants from the air. Protection Agency that opens its doors for business today.

The agency will have jurisdiction over air and water pollution, solid waste disposal and other national environmental programs that have ments and agencies.

The hearing on his qualifications before the Senate Public Committee continues

Chairman Jennings Ranmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), a member of the committee, reports were made orally and praised the nominee at two would not be available. points in yesterday's session Ruckelshaus also told the protection.

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eral in the Justice Depart- ing before a Senate-House con- the new

soothe committee members by automobile industry to produce ther extensions. promising that reports on the possible effect of federal programs on the environment would be made public at a point when they would be usebeen scattered in 15 depart- ful in determining if the programs should go ahead.

This has been a sore point between some members of the committee and the administration on such questions as the supersonic transport (SST). In dolph (D-W.Va.) and Sen. Ed- the case of the SST, Muskie said he had been told that the would not be available.

, when he said that he would committee that the federal when he said that he would committee that the rederant vigorously enforce pollution abatement laws and that he gest polluters in the country" would be an advocate within the administration as well as is committed to bringing the outside it for environmental government into compliance with anti-pollution laws as

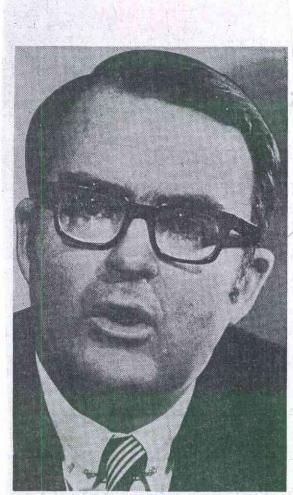
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William D. Ruckelshaus told a Senate committee yesterday that he will become a strong advocate within the Nixon additional and the staff words are staff words and the staff words and the staff words and the staff words are staff words and the staff words and the staff words are staff words and the staff words are staff words and the staff words and the staff words are staff words and the staff words are staff words and the staff words ministration for programs that funds and the staff needed to such regulations on the eve will clean up the environment. enforce the National Air Qual of transferring jurisdiction meet it. ity Standards Act, now pend- over water quality control to ing before a Senate-House con- the new agency. Interior pending Air Quality Standards

ment, Ruckelshaus was nominated by President Nixon to would set deadlines for removoleted.

The act pulled back when Ruckelshaus Act would allow the agency to give a one-year extension but On the controversial ques- would require congressional Ruckelshaus also sought to tion of putting pressure on the action if there were to be fur-



William D. Ruckelshaus testifies before Senate committee on his views regarding environmental protection.