May Be on Bench In October--Warren

HELENA, Mont. (AP)— Chief Justice Earl Warren, whose retirement from the Supreme Court has become ensnarled in a Senate fight over a successor, says he may still be presiding over the high court when it opens its new year in October.

But Warren predicted yesterday the Senate eventually will approve Justice Abe Fortas to take his place rather than keep him.

Fortas' nomination is caught in a Senate committee, with a filibuster threatened when it reaches the Senate floor after Congress returns in September.

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