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# Katzenbach Approval Is Suspended

Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach won — and then lost — quick approval yesterday from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as No. 2 man in the State Department.

The Chairman, Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.), announced hours after the morning session that approval of Katzenbach as Under Secretary of State had been suspended when Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) complained that there had not been a quorum present when the Committee voted.

McCarthy was understood to be angry with Katzenbach on grounds that the Attorney General was the source of a garbled news report that the Minnesota Senator was away

during a civil rights cloture vote.

Fulbright then left for Ottawa to attend a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference, and there was no indication that another session of the Committee would be convened until next week.

The Committee had acted promptly because the President's nominee is to replace George W. Ball as Under Secretary. Ball's resignation is effective Saturday, although State Department sources said this would not result in any inconvenience.

## Independence Urged

At the session, Katzenbach had been urged to "play the devil's advocate" role by the Majority Leader, Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), and ad-

monished by Fulbright not to be too subservient to the policies of his boss, Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Mansfield credited Ball with doggedly questioning U.S. foreign policies so the President could get all shades of opinion, even though he loyally accepted later decisions with which he disagreed.

"I hope the State Department will get away from reacting automatically and negatively to practically every suggestion of late years which others have proposed, most recently one by President de Gaulle," Mansfield observed. In Cambodia this month de Gaulle advised Americans to withdraw from South Vietnam, saying they could do so without loss of honor.

Fulbright had no critical remarks to make of Katzenbach's testimony until the lawyer expressed his admiration for Rusk's policies and suggested that the claim that the war in Vietnam was the chief cause of inflation was "overstated."

"I don't think you ought to be so subservient to present

policies," Fulbright said. "I don't see how you can play the devil's advocate with such an unlimited admiration for Mr. Rusk and his foreign policy views."

## Katzenbach Disagrees

Katzenbach disagreed with Fulbright's contention that allied support of U.S. foreign policy was conspicuous by its thinness.

"It seems to me you may be overstating somewhat the lack of sympathy for our policies," Katzenbach said.

Claiming that the State Department was still "frozen" in the concept of irrevocable cold war confrontation, Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) told Katzenbach: "You are a breath of fresh air in a fairly stuffy room."

When Sen. Bourke B. Hick-enlooper (R-Iowa), ranking Republican on the Committee, asked the "impertinent question" why Katzenbach had stepped out of a Cabinet post to a secondary job with a cut in pay, Katzenbach said it was "because the President asked me."