

Kleindienst Wins Unanimous Vote Of Senate Panel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UPI) — The Senate Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved President Nixon's nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to succeed John N. Mitchell as Attorney General. Senate confirmation appeared certain.

The committee chairman, James O. Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, said he expected the nomination to be reported to the Senate floor "next Tuesday or Wednesday."

Mr. Kleindienst, 48 years old, now is Deputy Attorney General, the No. 2 man in the Justice Department, and shares many of Mr. Mitchell's views on law and order and such matters as wiretapping. He is a former political organizer for Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

The committee vote was 13 to 0.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, voted for Mr. Kleindienst. In the two days of hearings this week on Mr. Kleindienst's nomination, Mr. Kennedy sharply questioned him about his positions on electronic snooping by the Government and on civil rights issues.

Mr. Kennedy said he voted

for Mr. Kleindienst because he concluded that the President was entitled to have the man he wanted for Attorney General.

In his testimony before the Judiciary Committee yesterday, Mr. Kleindienst said he would personally authorize electronic listening devices, but pledged to use the eavesdropping devices sparingly and only in cases involving national security.

Aide Also Approved

—The Judiciary Committee unanimously approved today the nomination of L. Patrick Gray 3d of New London, Conn., now an Assistant Attorney General, to take Mr. Kleindienst's place as Deputy Attorney General.