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## End of ITT Hearings Set For April 20

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The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 8 to 7 in closed session yesterday to end its politically charged ITT hearings by April 20. Its chairman predicted confirmation of President Nixon's nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst as attorney general.

The committee gave Senator James O. Eastland (Dem-Miss.), the chairman, authority to screen written questions to be submitted to at least 21 witnesses who will be asked to testify.

"I'll try to be fair," said Eastland. "It's all gonna wind up in a confirmation of Kleindienst."

Eastland, Senator Robert C. Byrd (Dem-W.Va.) and six Republicans cast the votes for Byrd's compromise motion to close the hearings by April 20 and file a report on Kleindienst a week later.

Other Democrats voted against ending the hearings because they were unable to gain assurances that Peter M. Flanigan, the presidential assistant who has become a central figure in the inquiry, would appear as a witness. The Democrats were thwarted in their efforts to obtain procedural

guarantees they felt were necessary to give them investigative freedom.

The confirmation has been delayed since syndicated columnist Jack Anderson's disclosure of Kleindienst's role in the Justice Department's settlement last year of antitrust action against International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Anderson

published a confidential memorandum purportedly written by an ITT lobbyist implying a connection between the settlement and an alleged \$400,000 offer by an ITT subsidiary to help underwrite the 1972 Republican national convention in San Diego.

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