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WASHINGTON AP - The Senate today rejected a move to cut off debate on the Supreme Court nomination of William H. Rehnquist.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., leader of the opposition to the nomination, then moved to defer a vote on confirming Rehnquist until Jan. 18.

The Senate agreed to vote on Bayh's surprise motion within an hour. The vote to cut off the debate was 52 to 42, or 11 short of the required two-thirds majority.

The move to invoke the Senate's anti-filibuster rule was initiated by Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, but several senators who favor Rehnquist's nomination voted against it.

Bayh promptly rose to urge the Senate to postpone further consideration of Rehnquist's nomination until after Congress returns next week for a new session.

Both Scott and Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., have told President Nixon that the Senate would stay in session until Rehnquist's nomination is acted on.

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WASHINGTON AP - The Senate moved toward quick confirmation of the Supreme Court nominee William H. Rehnquist Friday after the opposition collapsed.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., who spearheaded the fight against Rehnquist's nomination, gave up after an overwhelming 70-22 vote rejecting his motion to delay a showdown on confirmation until Jan. 18.

Bayh, in agreeing to Majority Leader Mike Mansfield's proposal for a confirmation vote, said it was apparent that within a few days the Senate would invoke cloture and thus put an end to the debate.

A swift sequence of events unfolded after a move by Republican Leader Hugh Scott to put the cloture rule into effect fell 11 votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

The vote was 52 for cloture and 42 against, but it was not a vote that provided a clear test of sentiment for or against the nomination of Rehnquist, an assistant attorney general and former Phoenix, Ariz., lawyer.

Bayh immediately followed it with a motion to postpone a vote on confirmation until Jan. 18 and said if this were defeated by a sizable majority, he would be ready to agree to an early vote on Rehnquist's nomination.

Once Bayh's motion was decisively defeated, Mansfield obtained unanimous consent for the vote on confirmation.

Bayh, who denied all along that he was filibustering, had urged the Senate to give more time to the consideration of Rehnquist's nomination.

"Here we are talking about a Supreme Court nominee who is going to be on the court for a quarter of a century or perhaps three decades," he said.

"We should have adequate time to answer the questions that have been raised," Bayh added.

Sen. Roman L. Hruska, R-Neb., replied that "opponents have been putting up one trial balloon after another only to see them shot down."

"The Senate should no longer indulge them in their fishing expeditions," Hruska said.

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