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**OTEPKA APPROVED  
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WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP) — Otto F. Otepka, demoted State Department security officer, easily won today Senate Judiciary Committee approval of his nomination to the Subversive Activities Control Board.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, one of three committee members to vote against approval, indicated he did not intend to try to block confirmation when the nomination was brought up in the Senate. But he said that he would explain his opposition.

"I don't think there is room on the S.A.C.B. for a member whose basis of strength and support is the John Birch Society and the Liberty Lobby," he told reporters.

The Senate Republican leader, Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, said that he was "absolutely satisfied" Mr. Otepka had no connection with either the Birch Society or the Liberty Lobby.

The committee's vote to recommend Senate confirmation was first announced as 10 to 3, with four members absent. Later, Senator John L. McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, was recorded in support of the nomination, making the count 11 to 3.

The Evening Star said today that two organizations having ties with the John Birch Society and other right-wing groups had contributed \$23,500 to help Mr. Otepka's case.