

# Sen. Proxmire Urges Hearings on the CIA

## Washington

Senator William Proxmire (Dem-Wis.), yesterday called for congressional hearings on the Central Intelligence Agency because its "potential for abuse is enormous" if it continues running uncontrolled.

In a speech for delivery to the Senate today, Proxmire said "the intelligence community is the only major segment of the federal government that does not come under continuing scrutiny of Congress."

He called upon Congress to "end the footdragging and schedule hearings."

"The CIA oversight committees of both houses of Congress have repeatedly postponed hearings on the CIA," Proxmire said.

"It has reached the point where the only conclusion that can be drawn is that these committees are trying to protect the CIA from legitimate calls for change from the rest of Congress."

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