

Agnew to Go to Governors' Talks

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Vice President Spiro Agnew will represent President Nixon for the next two days at the 65th Annual National Governors conference here.

Official announcement of the attendance of the vice-president was made at the opening session of the conference yesterday morning by Governor Marvin Mandel, chairman of the conference.

Sunday, the Maryland Democratic governor, hinted that the vice president was to be a participant in the conference although official

acceptance from Agnew was not received until yesterday.

Agnew, as vice chairman of the President's domestic policy council, will discuss such problems with the governors as revenue sharing and the President's impoundment of highway and other funds. He also is expected to back the Republican governors in blocking a proposed Democratic-sponsored resolution on the Watergate scandal.

The executive committee of the conference on a 4-4 party line vote killed a proposed Democratic resolution on revenue sharing and another critical of the Administration's economic policies.

The Watergate issue was not brought before the committee since it was understood that even the four Democratic members, including Governor Mandel, were not in agreement on the subject.

Mandel, anticipating a resolution on Watergate during the Wednesday final session of the conference, advised his colleagues that the first move which would be to suspend the rules to permit introduction of a non-executive committee resolution will require a 75 per cent favorable vote of the governors present and voting. Then it will require a 75 per cent yes vote to pass

such a resolution. Republicans have sufficient strength to defeat such maneuvers.

In his report on his year as chairman, Mandel said the governors "have had success with the national administration" on state matters but are dissatisfied with the changes of regulations dealing with the spending of federal funds allocated to the states and in the cuts in proposed federal grants to the states.

Republican Governor Daniel J. Evans, of Washington has been recommended for the next chairmanship of the conference which must go to a Republican.