

Sen. Gurney's Hard Line on Prosecutor

Washington

Senator Edward Gurney, considered President Nixon's best friend on the Senate Watergate committee, joined in demands that the new special prosecutor to replace Archibald Cox be assured of full independence from the executive branch.

Gurney spoke as the White House said a new Watergate prosecutor will be named soon.

Gerald Warren, deputy White House press secretary, told reporters, "we want a special prosecutor who is free from partisan political pressures and we're sure that will happen."

Commenting on that plan, Gurney said: "I think above all we've got to have a special prosecutor that is independent, because I don't think people are going to buy the idea of a special prosecutor . . . that is the President's man, as part of the administration prosecuting the administration."

Gurney made his comments on the CBS "Morning News."

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