

Senate Banking Panel Defers Action on Casey Nomination

The Senate Banking Committee yesterday put off any action for at least a month on President Nixon's nomination of William J. Casey to head the Export-Import Bank until it receives "additional information" from Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

The announcement of the postponement was made after a closed-door executive session of the committee lasting nearly two hours.

Casey, who is now under secretary of state for economic affairs, was previously chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In that job, just before the 1972 presidential election, he transferred sensitive investigative files about International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. to the Justice Department after they were requested by a congressional committee.

Casey has claimed under oath that the Justice Department requested them for a possible criminal investigation. However, Deputy Attorney General Ralph Erickson also under oath, has denied he requested the transfer.

The Banking Committee



WILLIAM J. CASEY
... new data sought

ski, who is conducting an investigation into the Nixon administration's role in an ITT antitrust settlement in 1971.

A Watergate special prosecution force spokesman declined to comment on the Banking Committee action yesterday and would not say whether a special request for information on Casey had been received.

A White House spokesman said the administration was not thinking of withdrawing Casey's nomination, but said that if Casey were not confirmed for the Export-Import Bank post, he would not stay indefinitely as under secretary of state.

Casey said he had received no notice of an end of his tenure at the State Department, but declined to comment on the Banking Committee action.

learned Thursday that the possible conflict of testimony had been forwarded to Jawor-