

Weicker View on 'Great Decision'

U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker (Rep-Conn.), a member of the Watergate committee, said here yesterday the "great decision from Watergate is in the hands of the voters — nobody else."

Weicker told a Fairmont Hotel press conference that "you'll find no more ethics in the Oval office or on the Senate floor than you'll find in the voting booth."

The senator, here to address the Pacific Coast Builders Conference, reiterated his stand against President Nixon's resignation.

It would be hypocritical for a senator who believes in the Constitution, and who gets riled when the White House abuses that Constitution, to say the issue should be resolved outside the Constitution — and that's what resignation means."

"The constitutional procedure (of impeachment)

should be followed. There is a 'ladder,' if you will — the (House Judiciary) Committee, the House, and then the Senate (for trying Mr. Nixon should the House vote to indict him)."

Weicker, who was the Republican committee member harshest on White House and Committee to Re-elect the President aides during the televised hearings of spring, 1973, said he favors televising of all impeachment proceedings in the House and the Senate trial, if it comes to that.

"I think all congressional proceedings should be open to TV," he said. "The move now is for more openness.

"I opposed executive sessions on the (Watergate) committee, because when the door is closed, the leaks begin, and the White House has mastered that art."

Weicker predicted that this November's election will not result "in a land-

slide for either party, but will bring about the biggest turnover in history," as a result of the Watergate fallout.

He also said he feels that the committee's final report, due around June 28, will recommend legislation calling for Congressional control of the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Internal Revenue Service; the possibility of the U.S. attorney general being elected, rather than appointed; cam-

paign spending reform, and the confirmation by the Senate of White House senior staff members.

"We vote to confirm the secretaries of Treasury and Transportation, but Haldeman and Ehrlichman had a lot more power than the secretaries did and we didn't have a word to say about them."

Weicker was referring to former presidential aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.