

The legal and ethical concerns Special Prosecutor Jaworski reportedly has about disclosing the full extent of former President Nixon's involvement in Watergate in his final report to Congress would be resolved by a bill Senators Mondale of Minnesota and Brooke of Massachusetts have submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Its passage would pave the way for Mr. Jaworski to write the final chapter in the Watergate saga.

Under the Mondale-Brooke proposal, Congress would direct the Special Prosecutor to make a full investigation into Mr. Nixon's role in Watergate. It would also give him full power to subpoena through the courts whatever tapes and records he needs to complete the task. The legislation leaves timing and control over the report up to Mr. Jaworski in order to avoid interference with any of the Watergate trials.

The Mondale-Brooke proposal is far superior to others which call for convening a major national commission to put the final touches on the Watergate story. There have already been the investigation by the Ervin Committee, the impeachment investigation by the House Judiciary Committee and all of the investigatory work the Special Prosecutor himself has done in developing the Watergate cases. The fruits of all these could be definitely covered in a final Jaworski report, making any new commission redundant.

Congress is moving effectively to tie up other Watergate loose ends. The Senate has passed and sent to the House a bill which retains possession and control of the Nixon materials in the Government. The House has passed a transition appropriation which will drastically scale down the Government's absurd \$9,800-per-day expenditure to support Mr. Nixon's retirement.

With the other pieces of the leftover Watergate problems now being put into place, it is imperative that the Mondale-Brooke proposal move quickly to the floor. The remaining Watergate questions, if left unanswered, could haunt Americans for decades—particularly with Mr. Nixon now definitely committed to writing his own version of events. The proposal pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee is the best way, in President Ford's words, "to seal" the Watergate book for good.