

SENATE FAILS TO ACT ON NAMING FLANIGAN

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (Reuters)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today virtually killed President Ford's nomination of Peter M. Flanigan to be Ambassador to Spain.

The committee failed to take action on the controversial nomination and under Senate rules all nominations not acted upon preceding a Congressional recess of 30 days or more must be resubmitted by the President. Congress is expected to be out for more than 30 days for the November elections.

There was no immediate word whether President Ford would resubmit the Flanigan nomination, which has come under increasing criticism in recent days.

Several Congressional critics of the nomination have questioned whether Mr. Flanigan, a former White House aide, should be confirmed in view of accusations that he played a role in helping to obtain an ambassadorship for a contributor to the Nixon political campaign. Critics also questioned Mr. Flanigan's participation in an anti-trust case involving International Telephone and Telegraph Company.