

Final Witness

Testifies in Gurney Trial

TAMPA, Fla. — The government rested its conspiracy-bribery case against former Sen. Edward J. Gurney (R-Fla.), yesterday after Tampa attorney Edward Kohrs testified he told Gurney in October, 1972, that his fund-raiser, Larry Williams, was shaking down Florida contractors.

The government rested its case on the 69th day of the trial of Gurney and three codefendants. U.S. District Court Judge Ben Krentzman excused the jury until Monday and said he would hear motions from attorneys today.

Kohrs' testimony challenged Gurney's testimony to a grand jury in Jacksonville, Fla., in which Gurney stated he had not learned until July, 1973, that Williams was collecting money on his behalf from Federal Housing Administration-related contractors.