

## Hill Panel Set to Vote On Silbert

The Senate Judiciary Committee cleared the way yesterday for a vote on confirmation of former Watergate prosecutor Earl J. Silbert as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia after voting 6 to 5 against new hearings on the 18-month-old nomination.

The committee, which is understood to be leaning toward confirmation of Silbert, is expected to vote on the matter in a week or 10 days, a committee aide said.

Sen. James G. Abourezk (D-S.D.) wanted new hearings into Silbert's alleged failure to act early enough on CIA-supplied evidence purportedly linking Watergate coconspirator E. Howard Hunt to the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

He was joined by Sens. Edward M. Kennedy (D-N.D.) and Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) in seeking an additional hour of hearings.