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New Check on Rehnquist Due

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Opponents of Supreme Court nominee William H. Rehnquist succeeded today in delaying until Tuesday action by the Senate Judiciary Committee on his appointment, pending further FBI investigation of the Arizonan's background.

The committee voted 10 to 5 against reopening hearings on the Rehnquist nomination, but Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) agreed

to ask the FBI to look further into Rehnquist's alleged past connections with a conservative political action group called Arizonans For America.

There apparently was no committee opposition, at a closed meeting, to the nomination of Lewis F. Powell for a second court vacancy, but the committee refused also by 10-5 vote, to report his selection separately to the full Senate.

Motions to reopen the hearings and to separate the nominations were made by Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), Voting with Bayh on both were Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Quintin Burdick (D-N.D.), Philip Hart (D-Mich.) and John Tunney (D-Calif.).

Sen. Roman Hruska (R-Neb.) then won unanimous consent for a motion that a vote on both Powell and Rehnquist be taken no

later than noon Tuesday.

Bayh said that between now and then, he and possibly other senators would submit written questions to Rehnquist on allegations that he intimidated black voters in a 1964 election in Phoenix, his alleged association with Arizonans For America, and what Bayh described as "philosophical inconsistencies" in the hearing record on Rehnquist's attitudes toward civil liberties.