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Rehnquist Under New Pressure

WASHINGTON (U P I) — Another affidavit that William H. Rehnquist harassed black voters in Phoenix added more fuel today to the controversy surrounding President Nixon's nominee to the Supreme Court.

Aides to Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., one of the leading opponents of Rehnquist's nomination, said the affidavit merits further investigation, even though Rehnquist personally has denied he even was present at the voting precinct where he allegedly harassed voters in 1964.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved Rehnquist's nomination 12 to 4 last week, and endorsed the uncontested nomination of Lewis F. Powell Jr. 12 to 0. Both nominations are expected to reach the Senate floor next week, and there are indications Bayh's opposi-

tion may delay Senate adjournment, hoped for during the first week of December.

Earlier, two Democratic poll workers swore in affidavits submitted to the Judiciary Committee that Rehnquist challenged the voting qualifications of three Negro women and ordered them to read from the Constitution.

The latest affidavit, still unreceived by the Judiciary Committee, was by the Rev. Snelson McGriff, pastor of the Church of God in Christ, in Phoenix.

McGriff said he was present at the Bethune school voting precinct in 1964 and that he saw a man challenging voters to read from the Constitution. The affidavit said McGriff had seen pictures of Rehnquist and if he was not the man, "It's his twin brother."

McGriff said he intended to send his affidavit to Washington and an aide to Bayh said he was awaiting the document.

"We think it deserves further investigation," the aide said. "We have no reason to disbelieve Rehnquist's denial, but we cannot overlook the fact this would be three independent witnesses who have filed sworn affidavits he was present at Bethune precinct in 1964."