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Butterfield Issue**

The Senate voted not to reinstate former Federal Aviation Administration chief Alexander P. Butterfield to the military, after critics of the measure said it ran counter to the Constitution's insistence on a purely civilian government.

It was Buterfield who disclosed in testimony before the Senate Watergate committee the existence of the White House tapes, which eventually led to the resignation of President Nixon.

The Senate defeated, 47 to 42, a bill that would have restored Butterfield to the rank of retired Air Force colonel, which he had to give up when he became FAA administrator in March, 1973.

Butterfield voluntarily gave up his military rank as required by law to assume the FAA post, thereby foregoing all military pay, privileges and benefits.

The vote was a victory for freshman Sen. John Culver, (D-Iowa), who led the fight against Butterfield's reinstatement, arguing that the ban on military men holding civilian posts in government should not be skirted.