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Committee May Recall Rockefeller

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Senator Howard W. Cannon, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee said yesterday that "in all probability" he will recall Vice President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller to testify.

The testimony, the Senator said, will concern \$2 million in gifts that the former Governor of New York had made to political associates, aides and friends from 1957 through 1974, and the use of his brother's funds to produce a derogatory book about his opponent Arthur J. Goldberg, when the two were running for Governor in New York in 1970.

Rockefeller, meanwhile, said yesterday through a spokesman that he had responded "totally" to the requests of the chairmen of the congressional committees thus far and "will continue to do so if there are further requests."

The statements from Rockefeller and his communications director, Hugh Morrow, came in the wake of reports from Washington that congressional sources felt his list of gifts to date, totaling \$2 million, did not give a true picture of Rockefeller interests and how they prosper.

The lists of persons to whom he had given the \$2 million were provided by the former governor last week to the congressional committees that are conducting hearings and investigations in connection with Rockefeller's confirmation as vice president.

"I have responded totally to the requests of both committee chairman," Morrow quoted Rockefeller directly.

Later, when Morrow was asked of Rockefeller would respond to any future and broader requests, he said:

"Well, of course, if there are further requests. He has supplied them with every-

thing they've asked for and will continue to do so."

Later, Senator Cannon, a Nevada Democrat, said through his press secretary that a vote on the nomination might now be delayed until late December by the new developments.

"I would say there certainly is more concern on

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the part of a lot of people as a result of these developments," the press secretary, Barbara Dahlke, quoted Cannon as having said. Cannon is in Nevada and will return to Washington tomorrow.

Rockefeller spent a quiet day yesterday with his wife Happy on their Pocantico Hills estate in Westchester county, N.Y., attending church in the morning, then going for a walk in the woods near his house on the six-square-mile property.

His disclosures to the congressional committees last week and his acceptance Saturday of full responsibility for publication of the Goldberg biography continued to provoke widespread reaction, however.

Senator James L. Buckley (Con-Rep-N.Y.) said on the WNBC-TV "Sunday" show that the production of the book is in the "dirty tricks category" and added that "the governor is obviously embarrassed."

Whether this question and that of the gifts would affect the ability of Rockefeller to be confirmed as vice president, Buckley said, should be left "to the judgment of the respective committees."

But, he added, "New questions have been brought to the surface and ought to be looked into."

Governor Malcolm Wilson, the Republican who succeeded Rockefeller in New York and is now running for election to the governorship, de-

fended Rockefeller on the gifts, saying that the former governor had "valid motivation" for making them.

Democrats in both houses of Congress, however, had stronger language for the revelations, and several said that the new disclosures now cast some doubt on Rockefeller's confirmation as vice president.

Representative Wayne L. Hays of Ohio, Democratic chairman of the House Campaign Committee, said that the nomination "might be in serious trouble." Hays said he had not yet decided whether to vote for confirmation.

Hays appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" with Senator Lloyd Bentsen (Dem-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Campaign Committee.

"The Rockefeller nomination would have apparently had no trouble when it was first announced — or a minimum of trouble," Bentsen said. "Now I think it may be in some serious trouble."

Other congressional sources said that the trouble would increase if the nomination was carried into next year and a new session of Congress.

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