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# Garrison Probe Is Put Aside

BATON ROUGE (AP) — The State Board of Ethics for Elected Officials has voted to delay action on a request for an investigation of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

The petition for an investigation came from Ivor A. Trapolin of New Orleans, former chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Organized Crime, at a closed door meeting yesterday.

Dist. Judge Warren Comish of Pontchatoula and Thomas Scott, a Monroe businessman, reportedly decided to postpone consideration of the request pending discussions with Baton Rouge attorney Fred Blanche Sr., a veteran member of the board. Comish and Scott are new members and have never before attended a board meeting.

THE LAST TIME the board met was on Jan. 11, 1971.

Blanche reportedly passed up the meeting for a deer hunt.

The two new members refused to discuss the meeting. It was Trapolin who related what happened.

In a written memorandum, Trapolin listed a long string of possible areas of investigation in connection with Garrison's conduct of his office. Listed were:

—A FEDERAL grand jury

charge that Garrison accepted bribes and conspired with police officials and pinball machine operators to evade state gambling laws.

—A federal grand jury charge that Garrison evaded federal income taxes.

—The Garrison - instigated Orleans grand jury indictment against him on bribery charges.

—The resignation of William Alford Jr. as executive assistant to Garrison after charging that money was paid for fixes in Garrison's office.

—THE CLAY SHAW conspiracy trial.

—The LL&T case in which Trapolin said both Garrison and Atty. Gen. Jack Gremlion were involved.

—Garrison's repeated insistence that there is no organized crime in New Orleans and the lack of an investigation of allegations to the contrary.