

Kleindienst Quiz Resumes

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Senate Judiciary Committee voted today to recall Richard Kleindienst to give further testimony about his role in settlement of the controversial antitrust suit against ITT, which has snagged his confirmation to be attorney general.

Committee Chairman James Eastman said Kleindienst would be summoned for another round of questioning tomorrow morning.

Eastland (D-Miss.) added that the committee agreed to vote on Kleindienst's nomination tomorrow afternoon.

Eastland described the committee action as a "compromise" between Republicans backing Kleindienst and Democrats who claim his role in the ITT dealings makes him unfit for the cabinet post. He said Kleindienst was recalled to give testimony

on information contained in a letter to the committee from White House aide Peter Flanigan.

Flanigan informed the committee he had discussed settlement of the antitrust case with ITT director Felix Rohatyn, and subsequently informed Kleindienst of that conversation. Kleindienst had testified that he did not remember discussing the case with Flanigan.

The confirmation hearings on Kleindienst already gave Sen. Edward Kennedy

(D-Mass.) proposed after receipt of the Flanigan letter that nine more witnesses be called to testify. The committee previously approved the nomination, but reopened its hearings six weeks ago after columnist Jack Anderson published charges that there might be a link between an ITT

pledge to help underwrite the Republican convention and government settlement of an antitrust suit seeking to stop the merger of ITT and the Hartford Fire Insurance Co.

Kleindienst was linked to some of the discussions surrounding settlement of the antitrust case, and when the ITT matter was published he asked that the hearings be resumed to clear up any misunderstandings surrounding his role.