

Senate Unit in I.T.T. Case Asks Federal Review of the Hearings

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously today to ask the Justice Department to review the committee's investigation of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation antitrust cases for possible perjury prosecution.

The action was taken on the motion of Senator John V. Tunney, Democrat of California, who said witnesses had given contradictory testimony under oath.

The committee's two-month investigation grew out of the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst to be Attorney General and a charge that a political deal was involved in the out-of-court settlement of three antitrust cases against I.T.T.

Much of the controversy stems from an alleged memorandum by an I.T.T. lobbyist, Dita D. Beard, suggesting that the settlement was linked to a pledge by the conglomerate's Sheraton Hotel subsidiary to help San Diego meet the cost of this year's Republican convention.

Subsequently the Republicans decided to move their convention from San Diego to Miami Beach.

Senator Tunney was among the liberal Democrats who voted against confirmation of Mr. Kleindienst and who con-

tended that the committee had cut short its investigation before getting the full truth.

The committee approved today President Nixon's nomination of Thomas E. Kauper, a University of Michigan law school professor, to be the new head of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

If confirmed by the Senate, he will succeed Richard W. McLaren, a Federal district judge in Chicago, who was the Assistant Attorney General heading the Antitrust Division at the time of last year's settlement of the cases against I.T.T.

The committee also approved the nominations of two other Assistant Attorneys General, William A. Olson Jr. of California to head the Internal Security Division and Harlington Wood Jr. of Illinois to head the Civil Division. Both have been serving in the Justice Department.

I.T.T. Has No Comment

A spokesman for I.T.T. in New York said the company would have no comment on the Senate Judiciary Committee action. He added, however, that it had been expected, because Senator Tunney said earlier that he would call for a Justice Department review of the record of the hearings.