

Bobby Baker Scandal-- A Reminder

Reading, Pa.

Senator Carl T. Curtis (Rep-Neb.) has charged that Democratic attempts to cover up the Bobby Baker scandal of the 1960s far exceeded any Republican maneuverings in the Watergate scandal.

Curtis said Democratic members of the Senate Rules Committee investigating the Baker scandal under the Lyndon Johnson administration prevented former White House aide Walter Jenkins, linked to the issue, from testifying before the committee.

Curtis told a group of Young Republicans Saturday night that psychiatrists testified before the committee that Jenkins' health was in such a state that if he should testify, the strain "would cause his death."

"At the same time," Curtis said, "Jenkins was attending inaugural functions, traveling to the Caribbean Islands and playing golf."

Curtis, a Rules Committee member at the time, said the Democrats also prevented testimony from two psychiatrists from being made public.

The Nebraska lawmaker said he moved to have Jenkins testify and for the psychiatrists' testimony to be publicly released "and both times, the motions were defeated on strict 5 to 4 party line votes."

"These facts and the committee votes have been concealed from the public until tonight," Curtis said.

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