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Stans Next Big Witness In Probe

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Former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans will be the next major witness to testify before the Senate Watergate investigating committee.

Stans, former finance chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, is under indictment in a campaign contribution case in New York City. A federal judge there already has ruled he may testify before the Senate committee.

The lead-off witness when the hearings resume at 7 a.m. (PDT) today is scheduled to be Herbert L. (Bart) Porter, former scheduler for the Nixon campaign.

Senators had not completed their examination of Porter when the hearings adjourned Thursday.

Tomorrow, the committee hopes to hear from Jeb Stuart Magruder, former deputy director of the Nixon campaign.

Magruder's appearance hinges on a decision today by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica on whether to grant the committee's request that Magruder be given partial immunity from prosecution for his testimony.

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