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# Baker Hopes Watergate Inquiry Will Recess When Congress Does

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Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.) said yesterday "the country needs a rest from Watergate" and he hopes the Senate Watergate committee will adjourn next Friday without trying to complete the first phase of its investigation.

Baker, who is vice chairman of the committee, said it would take another month of hearings to complete its investigation of the June 17, 1972, Watergate break-in and subsequent coverup attempt.

Originally, the committee had hoped to wind up this phase of its investigation by Aug. 3, when Congress is scheduled to adjourn for one month.

"My fear is if we go past Aug. 3, we'll go all through August," Baker said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Twenty-two Republican senators, meanwhile, called yesterday for the suspension and investigation of Carmine S. Bellino, chief investigator for the Senate Watergate committee.

Last week Republican National Committee Chairman George Bush released affidavits including the allegation, that Bellino, when working in the 1960 campaign of John F. Kennedy, had tried to hire men to bug a Washington hotel where Richard Nixon was preparing for one of the two candidates' television debates.

Sen. Dewey F. Bartlett (R-Okla.) released a statement joined in by 21 other GOP senators saying, "Considering the nature of the current investigation by the select (Watergate) committee, and the position of Mr. Bellino, it would seem prudent to conduct an impending resolution of these grave charges."

Bellino said last week, "I categorically and unequivocally deny that I have ordered, requested, directed or participated in any electronic surveillance whatsoever in connection with any political campaign."

Others signing the Bellino suspension request were Senate Minority Leader Hugh

Scott (Pa.), Barry Goldwater (Ariz.), John Tower (Tex.), Robert Griffin (Mich.), Charles Percy (Ill.), Jesse Helms (N.C.), Paul Fannin (Ariz.), William Roth (Del.), James McClure (Idaho), Clifford Hansen (Wyo.), Bill Brock (Tenn.), Wallace Bennett (Utah), James Buckley (N.Y.), Roman Hruska (Neb.), Marlow Cook (Ky.), Robert Packwood (Ore.), Hiram Fong (Hawaii) and Peter Domenici (N.M.)