

## Lawmakers

### Get FBI's

### File on Ford

#### Washington

At least two members of the House Judiciary Committee began reading raw FBI files on vice presidential nominee Gerald R. Ford yesterday in preparation for the opening of confirmation hearings next Thursday.

Acting attorney general Robert H. Bork removed a major stumbling block to House consideration of Ford's confirmation Thursday by agreeing to allow eight of the 38 committee members — four Democrats and four Republicans — to read the FBI's 1700-page "law file" on Ford.

Committee chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., (Dem-N.J.) had refused to read the material until a dispute prompted by the other 20 Democrats on the committee was resolved. Rodino and Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier (Dem-Wis.) began reading the files yesterday.

The Senate Judiciary committee had agreed with Bork that only the chairman and the ranking Republican on the committees would be allowed to read the material. But the House balked and ordered Rodino to negotiate a compromise with Bork.

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