

Ervin Panel Is Voted A Further \$500,000

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The Senate yesterday voted an additional \$500,000—making a total of \$1.5 million—for its investigation into the Watergate scandals.

A resolution providing the \$500,000 for the Senate Watergate committee was approved by voice vote despite a warning that televised hearings were “tearing the country apart.”

Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) requested the funds, saying they were needed to finish the committee's mission. He said he hoped the investigation would be completed before expiration of the mandate Feb. 28.

But Ervin said the investigation has been hampered because the “White House has refused to submit tapes and documents which are

relevant and also, because at the present time, certain witnesses have refused to testify.”

Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) challenged the need for more money. The televised hearings of the investigation are “tearing the country apart,” Curtis said, and “They can hold hearings from now on and they won't get you anything that will prevent breaking and entering.”