

Kennedy Version Of Firing of Cox

Washington

A report filed yesterday by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem - Mass.) said special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was fired because of "chronic White House unhappiness with the vigor and scope" of his investigation.

Cox was dismissed October 20 on President Nixon's order after he refused to accept a proposed compromise on access to presidential Watergate tapes.

The report Kennedy submitted to the Senate said Judiciary Committee hearings disclosed "for all but the most credulous that this was only the precipitating incident, if not a complete pretext."

Kennedy filed the report on behalf of Judiciary Com-

mittee members supporting a bill providing for court appointment of a special prosecutor and prohibiting his removal by anyone in the executive branch.

Another report was filed by Senator Roman L. Hruska (Rep - Neb.) for Judiciary committee members backing a bill under which a special prosecutor would be appointed by the attorney general.

This bill would bar dismissal except for specific cause and would require 30 days' notice to Congress. The special prosecutor would be authorized to bring suit for reinstatement.

Neither bill won majority support in the Judiciary Committee and both were reported to the Senate without recommendation.

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