

Proxmire's

Suit to
Fire Bork

Washington

Senator William Proxmire (Dem-Wis.) filed suit in U.S. District Court yesterday to force the removal of Robert H. Bork as acting attorney general.

Proxmire said the suit was based on a law that limits to 30 days the term of a person temporarily filling a vacancy in the head office of an executive department.

The Department of Justice has said it is specifically exempted from the law.

Bork has been serving as acting attorney general since Elliot L. Richardson resigned on October 20 rather than carry out a presidential order to fire Archibald Cox as special Watergate prosecutor.

In a statement announcing the filing of his suit, Proxmire said "it is insufferable that the attorney general, the nation's No. 1 law enforcement officer, is not in compliance with the law."

President Nixon has announced he will nominate Senator William B. Saxbe, (Rep-Ohio) for the cabinet post, but he is waiting for Congress to pass legislation that would overcome a constitutional obstacle to his appointment.

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