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Reinecke Headed for Washington

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Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke scrubbed scheduled campaign appearances for today and prepared to fly to Washington to confer with attorneys handling his perjury indictment.

With Reinecke and Governor Ronald Reagan both out of state, Senate President Pro Tem James R. Mills (Dem-San Diego) automatically becomes acting governor for the second time in less than two months.

"I'm doing everything possible to bring this matter to a speedy conclusion," Reinecke, a Republican gubernatorial candidate, said yesterday of his indictment by a Watergate grand jury.

He repeated he will seek to have his trial changed to California from the nation's capital and have it heard before the June 4 primary.

The lieutenant governor is scheduled to enter a plea tomorrow. He canceled campaign appearances planned for today in Southern California and scheduled a late flight to Washington last night.

In a letter, Mills was told he would be acting state chief executive from 10:35 p.m. last night until Reinecke returns at 8:58 p.m. tomorrow.

An aide said Mills would continue a bicycle trip down the coast to publicize Proposition 5, a proposed constitutoinal amendment that would allow diversion of gasoline taxes to public transit systems.

Reagan is on a one-week vacation in Phoenix.

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