

WXP Post Vote to Indict Sen. Gurney Is Reported

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 28 (AP)—A Leon County grand jury has voted to indict Sen. Edward Gurney (R-Fla.) on charges of violating state election laws, the Gannett News Service quoted a source as saying Saturday.

The source said the grand jury ordered the indictment drawn up Friday before it recessed until Wednesday. Gannett's Tallahassee correspondent Wayne Ezell reported.

State Rep. Marshall Harris, a Miami Democrat, had asked the grand jury to investigate statements Gurney made at a news conference last December. Gurney said then that he had learned in 1972 that \$100,000 had been raised in his name but that he did not report it to the state election office because he had no campaign organization.

"He has been indicted. Apparently it was mostly based on the news conference. It is related to questions raised by Marshall Harris," Ezell quoted the source as saying.

On Monday, the grand jury viewed a videotape of the news conference.

In answer to a question from the grand jury, circuit court Judge John Rudd said Friday that a national office holder could be charged with violating Florida law if he accepted campaign contributions without naming a campaign treasurer or setting up a campaign bank account.

A press aide said Gurney had not been told of any indictment and would have no comment on the report.