



PETER M. FLANIGAN
It could be the end

Flanigan's Nomination On Shelf

Washington

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee agreed unanimously yesterday to postpone action on the controversial nomination of former White House aide Peter M. Flanigan to be ambassador to Spain.

The decision, announced by Chairman J. William Fulbright (Dem-Ark.), could mean a quiet procedural death for the nomination of Flanigan by former President Nixon.

"The general opinion was that we needed further hearings," Fulbright said, referring to allegations that the former Nixon aide had been involved in offering ambassadorships in return for contributions to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign.

Flanigan, 51, has come under sharp fire, particularly from Senator Thomas Eagleton (Dem-Mo.), for seeking a large Nixon campaign donation from Ruth Farkas, later named ambassador to Luxembourg.

The committee's decision to postpone action on the Flanigan choice means the White House may have to resubmit the nomination. The Ford administration has indicated, so far that it stands by the Flanigan nomination.

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