

2 SENATORS LISTED FOR GURNEY TRIAL

Their Identities Not Known
—270 Witnesses Named

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TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 25—The Senators and a former Senator are on a list of witnesses who may be called to testify in the bribery, perjury and conspiracy trial of former United States Senator Edward J. Gurney, now under way here.

But because of a strict news management policy of Federal District Judge Ben Krentzman, reporters were unable today to find out for whom they would testify.

The judge, who refused to talk to newsmen, also allowed attorneys to discuss prospective jurors in a private session held at the judge's bench out of the hearing of reporters.

Eleven prospective jurors were left in the jury box tonight, after attorneys and the judge had finished their conference, but no one would say if any or all of them would finally serve.

The names of Senator Lawton Chiles, Democrat of Alabama, Senator James G. Allen, Democrat of Alabama, and former Senator Marlowe W. Cook, Republican of Kentucky, were on the list of 270 prospective witnesses read to the jury panel this afternoon in a preliminary move.

Neither Government attorneys nor attorneys for Mr. Gurney and four other defendants would comment. Mr. Gurney has said that Judge Krentzman had ordered lawyers and defendants not to comment on the case.

Being tried with M. Gurney are two of his former aides, James L. Groot and Mike Bastien, and two former Florida officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ralph M. Koontz, and K. Wayne Swiger.

Several top officials of H.U.D. and former officials, including the former Secretary George Romney, are also on the list of possible witnesses. There was speculation that Mr. Chiles, M. Allen and M. Cook may be character witnesses: although nobody would say so.

Mr. Gurney, who served on the Senate Watergate committee last year and did not seek re-election after being indicted last July 10, is charged with extorting money from housing contractors seeking to obtain Federal Housing Administration insurance. The 61-year-old former Republican Senator was also charged with lying to a Federal grand jury.

Testimony in the trial is not expected to begin until Monday.