

# GURNEY DEFENSE COMPLETES CASE

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TAMPA, Fla., July 16—Defense lawyers concluded their presentations today at the trial in United States District Court of former Senator Edward Gurney and three co-defendants on charges stemming from an election campaign fund-raising operation.

The jury is expected to begin deliberations next week. Before that, the jurors will hear a brief rebuttal presentation

by the Government, closing arguments by lawyers for both sides, and legal instructions from the presiding judge, Ben Krentzman.

Mr. Gurney, 61 years old, is a Florida Republican who was a member of the Senate Watergate committee while in office. He did not seek re-election last year after being indicted on seven felony charges of conspiracy, bribery, unlawful compensation and making false statements to a grand jury.

The other men on trial are Joseph Bastien, a former aide to Mr. Gurney; K. Wayne Swiger, former director of the Tampa office of the Federal Housing Administration; and Ralph M. Koontz, former assistant to the Florida director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in

Jacksonville.

Mr. Bastien, Mr. Swiger and Mr. Koontz are all charged with conspiracy, and Mr. Bastien additionally is charged with receiving unlawful compensation.

The defense took three and a half weeks to present its case, compared with 14 weeks for the Government. There were 40 witnesses for the defense, including all four defendants, while the prosecutors presented 69 witnesses.

One of the last defense witnesses was Mr. Koontz. He denied having participated in an alleged conspiracy to raise close to \$400,000 for Mr. Gurney's planned 1974 re-election campaign from Florida builders doing business with Federal housing agencies.