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**PROSECUTION RESTS
IN TRIAL OF GURNEY**

TAMPA, Fla., July 17 (UPI)—
Government prosecutors rested
their bribery-conspiracy case
against former Senator Edward
J. Gurney of Florida today
without calling rebuttal witnes-
ses.

The surprise move cleared
the way for final arguments
and jury deliberations.

Gurney, former Republican
member of the Senate Water-
gate Committee, and his three
co-defendants are accused of
an influence-peddling scheme
in which builders who contri-
buted political funds to Mr.
Gurney were allegedly given
favored treatment from the Fe-
deral Housing Administration.

Mr. Gurney is charged with
conspiracy, bribery, receiving
unlawful compensation and
four counts of making false
statements to a grand jury.

Immediately after the state
rested its case, attorneys for
Mr. Gurney and his three co-de-
fendants asked United States
District Judge Ben Krentzman
for directed verdicts of acquit-
tal, but the requests were de-
nied.

Judge Krentzman then ex-
cused the jurors until 10 A.M.
next Tuesday but told them
to bring their suitcases with
them when they again report,
since he had decided to seques-
ter the jury.