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TAMPA, Fla.—Prosecutor Harvey Schlesinger said in final arguments he found it “incredible” that former Sen. Edward J. Gurney (R-Fla.) did not know until mid-1973 that there was wrongdoing in a fund-raising operation being conducted in his behalf.

Gurney, onetime member of the Senate Watergate committee, has contended he didn't know of the fund-raising operations conducted by Larry Williams until June 11, 1972, and that he didn't learn of any wrongdoing until July of 1973.

The former senator and three codefendants are accused in a bribery-conspiracy scheme in which Florida builders allegedly were given favored treatment from the Federal Housing Administration if they contributed to a political fund for Gurney.