

Scott Makes It Official --He Won't Run Again

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Senator Hugh Scott (Rep-Pa.), a veteran of 33 years in Congress and Senate Republican leader for the past six years, announced yesterday that he won't run for a fourth Senate term in the 1976 election.

However, he is expected to remain in the Senate and keep his leadership post until his present term expires in January, 1977.

Scott, 75, is fond of quoting Shakespeare and he used the poet's words to assert that his decision was based in large measure on his awareness of "the inaudible and noiseless foot of time."

Scott, under fire recently for payments allegedly received from the Gulf Oil Corp., which Scott says were legitimate campaign contributions, said he made his decision some time back and informed majority leader Mike Mansfield (Dem-Mont.), nearly two years ago — "and he has kept my confidence well."

Scott said President Ford had asked him to run again but he had nevertheless kept to his intention to step down when his current term expires. He faced a hard race in a state with growing Democratic registration, and the alleged Gulf payments could have been an issue.

Scott's announcement set off a considerable speculation in the Senate on who will win the coveted GOP leadership when Scott leaves the Senate in 1977.



SENATOR HUGH SCOTT
'Noiseless foot of time'

The leading contenders are Republican whip Robert P. Griffin of Michigan and Republican Policy Committee Chairman John Tower of Texas.

Scott is the sixth incumbent senator to reveal he won't seek reelection. Others are Stuart Symington (Dem-Mo.), John Pastore (Dem-R.I.), Philip A. Hart (Dem-Mich.), Roman L. Hruska (Rep-Neb.) and Hiram L. Fong (Rep-Hawaii).

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