

## Gulf Probe Dropped, Senate Sources Say

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The Senate Ethics Committee, after a six-month investigation, voted 5 to 1 yesterday against taking any further action against minority leader Hugh Scott (Rep-Pa.) and other senators alleged to have received illegal corporate contributions from Gulf Oil Corp., sources said.

The action was taken in closed session, and no announcement was made.

"The motion was that no further action will be taken," one source said. "We were satisfied with his explanation." Senator Edward W. Brooke (Rep-Mass.), according to the source, was the only senator voting to continue the investigation.

Senator Carl Curtis (Rep-Neb.) reportedly made the motion to drop further action on the allegations against Scott and a number of other senators. Reportedly voting with Curtis were committee chairman Howard W. Cannon (Dem-Nev.), John Stennis (Dem-Miss.), Herman Talmadge (Dem-Ga.) and Milton R. Young (Rep-N.D.).

The Ethics Committee began its investigation of corporate contributions late last year, after depositions filed in federal court alleged that Gulf lobbyist Claude Wild, between 1960 and 1973, had distributed hundreds of thousands of

dollars in company funds to members of Congress, including more than two dozen senators and Cannon himself.

Scott was alleged to have received a \$20,000 annual fee for his law firm and then \$5000 each spring and fall for a number of years for personal and office expenses.

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