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Panel Won't Take Action
On Alleged Gulf Gifts

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (UPI) — The Senate ethics committee has voted to take no action against Senator Hugh Scott, Republican Minority Leader, and most other Senators who allegedly received illegal contributions from the Gulf Oil Corporation.

The vote, disclosed today, was 5 to 1 in a secret session held yesterday. Three members who allegedly received Gulf funds voted to take no action. They were Howard W. Cannon, Democrat of Nevada; Herman E. Talmadge, Democrat of Georgia, and Carl T. Curtis, Republican of Nebraska.

Only Senator Edward W. Brooke, Republican of Massachusetts, cast a dissenting vote at the unannounced meeting, which ended the committee's investigation into charges that Claude Wild Jr., a former Gulf lobbyist, had given out hundreds of thousands of dollars in company funds to various members of Congress over a 13-year period.

Senator Scott has never denied receiving money from Mr. Wild but has maintained that he thought the funds were legal private donations, not corporate contributions.

Apparently, the committee in its secret resolution decided to drop the cases of most of the 19 Senators who allegedly accepted the funds, but it was learned that the investigation of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, still may be active.