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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 6 -- "The toughest vote will come Wednesday," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today following defeat of a motion to recommit the nomination of G. Harrold Carswell for the Supreme Court.

Dole, a Carswell supporter, said the outcome Wednesday could well depend on the Vice President.

"It may just be that close," Dole said, "because a number of Senators who voted against the motion to recommit will vote against confirmation.

"It is now clear," he added, "that it is a case of raw politics as far as most Senators are concerned. It is no longer Carswell's fitness or experience, but whether or not the liberals can hang another defeat on President Nixon, and -- more importantly -- prevent President Nixon from establishing some balance on the Supreme Court."