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Today: Breezy and partly cloudy, with a high in the mid 70s to about 80.
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WILLIAMSBURG - Former U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr., formerly representing the College of William and Mary, is the only person being considered by the College of William and Mary Board of Visitors to be the next dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, the Times-Dispatch learned Monday.

If the Portsmouth lawyer and William and Mary President Dr. Thomas A. Graves Jr. are able to reach an agreement on his administrative operation in the post, it is expected that the board will officially name Spong dean at its Nov. 21-22 meeting here.

The William and Mary Board of Visitors held a special meeting Monday morning in the Richmond law office of its rector, R.H. Harvey Chappell Jr.

Initially, the board was to consider a request by the law school search committee that the committee be allowed to bring to the board only one name — that of Spong — as the only person being considered for the dean's post.

Spong, a former U.S. Senator, is the only person being considered by the board. The board is expected to announce its choice at its Nov. 21-22 meeting here.

Contacted Monday, Chappell said he would have no comment.

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which he said "was his first ex-
ecutive meeting." Spong said
himself that he was looking for-
ward to the new position, which
he described as "an honor and a
privilege." He said he would
work hard to build the school.

"I am happy that the search
committee has found the right
person," said W&M President
H. B. Williams, who was on the
search committee.

Spong will be the fifth dean of
the law school. The previous deans
were Prof. James P. Whyte Jr.,
Prof. John T. Hypolite, and Prof.
William C. Gardner.

Spong's selection was announ-
ced on Monday night, the same day
Prof. James P. Whyte Jr. an-
nounced his resignation as dean.

Spong, who has served as dean
of the law school since 1966,
will be succeeded by Prof. Neale
D. Fischer, who is currently the
acting dean.

Spong is a graduate of the
University of Virginia law school
and earned his law degree at the
University
d
Chambridge
University.

Spong served in the state legis-
late from 1960 to 1966 before
becoming a judge in the House of
Delegates.