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By William J. Waugh Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (P) — A Sen-

ate subcommittee has called for sweeping executive and legislative changes in the Selective Service system to make the draft fairer and more uniform. The subcommittee, headed by

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., called on the Nixon administration Tuesday to end occupational deferments immedately, student deferments in time of conflict, abolish state and local quotas, establish a uniform national policy and kick the military out of the Selective Service system.

"Of necessity," the subcom-

mittee report said, "the military traditionally operates with less regard for individual rights and procedural niceties than we expect and require in civilian life."

The report suggested Congress consider the need for a selective conscientious objector status.

One committee witness proposed a draftee seeking such status should be "required to undergo noncombatant service of comparable risk to that undergone by draftee" and if this were not possible "to serve for a longer time.

The report said the lottery of last Dec. 1 which used birthdates to determine order of callup did not actually achieve random selection.

"Instead," the report said, "birthdays from the end of the year were disproportionately near the top of the induction order." The subcommittee concluded that "such disparity is extremely significant and must stem from

significant and must stem from the failure properly to mix the capsules containing the birthdates."

As a result, the report recommended that future random selection be achieved by use of computers.

The report said only hardship and high school deferments should be continued in time of conflict.

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ministration could restructure the system into a consolidated selective service system.

This would include a national headquarters to establish policy, eight regional offices to monitor uniform application and 300 to 500 area offices to register and classify young men."

The subcommittee said the director and the staff of the system should be civilian, and the director should be limited to two terms of five years.

Included in the subcommittee's recommendations was the suggestion of a detailed appeal procedures that would permit a registrant to have counsel and call witnesses.

