Democratic Party **Puts Off Scheduled** Impeachment Vote

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 25 United Nations. The sense of Committee, wary of striking a note of harsh partisanship softpartisan note on a day of in- ened many of the comments ternational tension, postponed about Mr. Nixon. action today on a resolution Seiph, a Chicago lawyer who pearances of partisanship,"

committee was "considering that either explicitly or im- ecutor . . . represents . . . the some tough resolutions, very plicitly Brezhnev was told that culmination of a whole series critical of the administration, Nixon would be helped at of outrages which have dembut in the light of the day's home by an international onstrated beyond a shadow of developments, we decided to crisis." overnight."

and his replacement by an-motives. other Republican - presumably Vice President-designate said action on resolutions had nullify them."

Committee has begun.

gathering of top Democratic main speaker, Ohio Gov. John officials was disrupted and J. Gilligan. "It is imperative ernors can send alternates. dominated by the fast-break- that we resist in our discus- but senators and representaing developments in Washing- sions the normal impulses of tives will have to attend them-

The Democratic National nervousness about striking the

calling for the impeachment is vice chairman of the party's Gilligan said. Delegate Selection Commis-Party chairman Robert S. sion, caused a stir by telling that the President's recent dis-Strauss said the executive reporters, "I strongly suspect missal of an independent pros-

line of attack, saying "it would understand the limitations Strauss indicated he favored serve neither our nation nor and restraints that are fundaa resolution calling for Mr. our party" to feed such specus mental in the American sys-

Gerald R. Ford of Michigan. | been delayed until Friday, be-The full national committee cause "we wanted to be abso- mittee handled a couple of

The first day of a two-day also illustrated by the day's conference.



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But Strauss spurried that simply and literally does not Nixon's removal from office lation about the President's tem of constitutional government or . . . he has deliber-Later, the party chairman ately set out to violate and

meets Friday to act on policy lutely certain this party's acmatters. Meantime, Democratic state chairmen, in a he forecast "there will be a planned mid-term conference meeting of their own today, resolution, and it will be in December, 1974. It apcalled on Congress to provide tough. Nothing can be more proved language opening the for a special prosecutor to important to the peace of the agenda to policy matters continue the Watergate inves- world than the restoration of cleared by the national comtigation and to carry out the the honest, open government mittee and it worked out a preliminary investigation into the people of this country compromise on the question of grounds for impeachment, have been begging for." The twin emotions of cau- cratic officials, who will autotion and condemnation were matically be delegates to the

ton, the Mideast and the partisanship or even the ap-selves or forfeit their votes.