Democratic Party Puts Off Scheduled Impeachment Vote

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 25 United Nations. The sense of ternational tension, postponed about Mr. Nixon. action today on a resolution Seiph, a Chicago lawyer who pearances of partisanship,"

developments, we decided to crisis." postpone action — at least overnight."

and his replacement by an-motives. other Republican - presuma-

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." which the House Judiciary 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 representa-

- The Democratic National nervousness about striking the Committee, wary of striking a note of harsh partisanship softpartisan note on a day of in- ened many of the comments

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

line of attack, saying "it would understand the

bly Vice President-designate said action on resolutions had nullify them." 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. ing developments in Washing- sions the normal impulses of tives will have to attend them-



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But, he added, "It is evident 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 a doubt that either Mr. Nixon But Strauss spurried that simply and literally does not 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-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 achousekeeping chores in connected. Meantime, Demotions were responsible." But nection with the Democrats' cratic 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 alternates for elected Demo-The twin emotions of cau-cratic officials, who will autotion and condemnation were matically be delegates to the

Under the compromise, govton, the Mideast and the partisanship or even the ap-selves or forfeit their votes.