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 - presumably Vice President-designate said action on resolutions had

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.

- 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. Delegate Selection Commis-Party chairman Robert S. sion, caused a stir by telling that the President's recent dis-

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. dominated by the fast-break-ing developments in Washing-sions the normal impulses of tives will have to attend themton, the Mideast and the partisanship or even the ap-selves or forfeit their votes.



ROBERT S. STRAUSS · . . "tough resolutions"

But, he added, "It is evident Strauss said the executive reporters, "I strongly suspect missal of an independent proscommittee was "considering that either explicitly or imedicate the ecutor of the ec 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 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-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 nullify them."

The party's executive commeets Friday to act on policy lutely certain this party's achousekeeping chores in connections 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 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 The twin emotions of cau-cratic officials, who will autotion and condemnation were matically be delegates to the

Under the compromise, gov-