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Demsto Weigh Blast At Nixon Over Vets

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MIAMI BEACH — The Rules Committee has sent the Democratic National Convention for consideration tonight a special resolution condemning the Nixon Administration for having opened a grand jury investigation of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War organization on the eve of the convention.

The proposal, passed overwhelmingly by the committee yesterday is the only resolution so far of this convention. It is intended to publicize what many Democrats consider an effort by the Administration to head off protests at the Republican convention and a well-timed thrust at a group which has been demonstrating peacefully here this week. The Justice Dept. has denied any such intentions.

Some 24 members of the veterans' organization were subpoenaed to Tallahassee last weekend. Four have already been granted immunity and are expected to face their first grand jury questions today.

A Conspiracy?

The government has refused to say what it is investigating, though attorneys for the veterans assume it is a conspiracy charge of some kind.

For the VVAW members camped here in Flamingo Park, the action of the Rules Committee was a major vic-

tory in their battle with Washington.

"When they finally got it through," Stuart Nerl, the Bronx coordinator, said of the committee vote, "about 75 of us stood up and gave them a standing ovation. And the Rules Committee, which is a lot of young liberal people, stood up and gave us a standing ovation back. It was really something to see."

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The resolution calls on the Justice Dept. to withdraw the subpoenas, saying they "represent an attempt by the Nixon Administration to deny to the veterans their fundamental Constitutional rights to express their dissent and opposition to the Vietnam war."

All unfinished business is expected to be taken up in the time between the nomination of the Vice President and McGovern's acceptance speech. Just how the resolution will fare is uncertain, as it involves an issue with which many delegates are unfamiliar.

Asked his opinion of the grand jury investigation, Sen. McGovern told young demonstrators yesterday: "You're asking me to comment on a legal matter where I don't have the facts."

McGovern's statement could lead to a decision to quietly drop the resolution rather than bring it to national attention.