

Albert Expects Full House To Vote on Impeachment

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House Speaker Carl Albert said yesterday he believes the full House will vote on whether to impeach President Nixon.

"I have been led to believe by pretty strong talk in the House that one of these [impeachment] resolutions will be called up," Albert said.

The Oklahoma Democrat told newsmen the full House would vote on whatever recommendation its Judiciary Committee delivers — to impeach or not to impeach.

And if the Judiciary Committee decided to make no recommendation, Albert said, he assumes some House member would exercise his right to stand up on the House floor and demand a vote on impeachment then and there.

Impeachment by a majority vote in the House would put the President on trial in the Senate, where a two-thirds vote would be required for conviction and removal from office.

Any one of the 431 House members could demand a vote on impeachment without waiting for the Judiciary Committee to act but backers of impeachment do not want that because indications are that a surprise vote on impeachment now would result in overwhelming rejection.

Albert also told newsmen at his daily news conference that he disagrees with House Republican Leader John J. Rhodes' position that any Judiciary Committee member who advocates impeachment should disqualify himself on the issue.

Albert said he believes every

House member should vote on impeachment, just as on any other issue, even if he has taken a stand for or against it before the vote.