

Successor To Ford Sees a 'Sign'

Washington

Democrat Richard F. VanderVeen said yesterday that Congress should view his victory in this week's Michigan congressional election as a "concrete sign" for action on the possible impeachment of Richard Nixon.

In his first Washington news conference, VanderVeen continued his attacks on the President, accusing him of lack of moral leadership and of failing the people.

VanderVeen was elected to the seat formerly held by Vice President Gerald R. Ford. He took his seat in Congress yesterday.

The 51-year-old tax lawyer called the election a "referendum on Richard Nixon" and said the time has come for the President to resign "and for Congress to impeach him if he does not."

However, VanderVeen said he does not know how he would vote on the impeachment question because he does not know what House Judiciary Committee findings will be.

He said he campaigned on the issue that Mr. Nixon had lost the moral right to govern and should resign and the people of Grand Rapids replied "in a voice so powerful Congress cannot ignore it."

"I would suggest that every Democrat who is campaigning right now should campaign against the record of Richard Nixon," VanderVeen said.

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