

# JAVITS OPPOSES BUCKLEY'S STAND

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Telegrams Also Dispute Plea  
for Nixon to Resign —

Democrats Are Gleeful  
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WASHINGTON, March 20—  
Senator James L. Buckley's  
proposal that President Nixon  
resign gained no visible con-  
verts today among Republican  
conservatives, brought the  
New Yorker a stack of angry  
telegrams and evoked glee in  
some Democratic quarters.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New  
York Republican, disagreed  
with Mr. Buckley, saying at a  
news conference that he did  
not believe the President  
should resign "at this time."

"It may be Senator Buckley's  
bag, but it's not my bag," Mr.  
Javits said, and then repeated  
"at this time."

What would be the proper  
time? "I don't know," Mr.  
Javits replied. "I want to press  
forward with early action by  
the House of Representatives on  
impeachment."

Speaker Carl Albert of Okla-  
homa, asked to respond to Mr.  
Buckley's proposal, replied with  
a smile, "I'd like to leave it up  
to the Republicans to argue  
that thing out."

An Associated Press poll  
found, however, that although  
Senator Buckley, a Republi-  
can-Conservative, and Senator

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Edward W. Brooke of Massa-  
chusetts stood alone among  
Senate Republicans favoring  
Mr. Nixon's resignation, 15  
Democratic Senators—some of  
whom requested anonymity—  
now believed that the Presi-  
dent should quit.

A stack of 400 telegrams sent  
to Mr. Buckley—many of them  
personal and vituperative—ran  
3 to 1 against resignation. "Et  
tu, Brute?" asked a Chattanooga  
woman. "You're unreal." A  
Mobile, Ala., man said: "Sug-  
gest you marry Wilbur Mills and  
adopt Dan Rafter."

But a Bronx woman said in  
her message, "At last I have  
a Senator." And a Kentucky  
woman said, "Your actions con-  
firm that conservatives do have  
a conscience."

Senator Robert P. Griffin,  
Republican of Michigan and mi-  
nority whip, said that Mr.  
Buckley's proposal "is bound  
to have a profound impact" be-  
cause it was a "personal de-  
cision by a very able and re-  
spected colleague."

Mr. Buckley, whose proposal  
Tuesday dominated capital  
cloakroom conversations today,  
said that he thought President  
Nixon's support by conserva-  
tives was thinner than many  
supposed.

## Case for Impeachment

Mr. Buckley, asked on the  
N.B.C. "Today" program  
whether he believed that the  
President's conservative sup-  
port may be shallow, replied "I  
think in a very real sense, yes."

"I feel that conservatives,  
along with others in the coun-  
try, have been deeply con-  
cerned over much of what we  
have learned about the activi-  
ties of some of the people in  
and around the Presidency, ac-  
tivities that are inherently  
shocking, inherently indefensi-  
ble," Mr. Buckley said.

Senator Clifford P. Case of  
New Jersey, a liberal Republi-  
can, reiterated his view that  
the Watergate issue should be  
resolved by the impeachment  
process. He said today, how-  
ever, that if the issue was not  
resolved by the first of the  
year, the President's power to

govern would be so severely  
impaired that "he will have no  
choice but to resign."

Senator Lowell P. Weicker  
Jr. of Connecticut, a moderate  
Republican and an early critic  
of the Watergate break-in, also  
favored the impeachment route.  
But in a speech last weekend  
he denounced President Nixon's  
defense of his conduct as  
"trashy."

The two Democratic Senators  
from the metropolitan area  
have already urged the Presi-  
dent to resign. "I think the  
country would be better off if  
the President resigned," Sena-  
tor Abraham A. Ribicoff of  
Connecticut said today. Senator  
Harrison A. Williams Jr. of New  
Jersey has called such a resig-  
nation "in the best interests  
of the country."

Representative Howard W.  
Robison, Republican of upstate  
New York and dean of the  
state's Republican Congres-  
sional delegation, said today  
that he had considered urging  
the President to resign but had  
decided against it.

Mr. Robison said that he  
disagreed with Senator Buck-  
ley's assessment that the Wa-  
tergate situation was "beyond  
repair."

"However," he said, "I be-  
lieve that to 'repair' the situ-  
ation—if it is repairable—would  
require an almost complete  
change of attitude on Mr. Nix-  
on's part, including an end to  
evasion, subterfuge and delay-  
ing tactics, a throwing off of  
the cloak of Presidential im-  
munity, and a hitherto unseen  
mood of humility and contri-  
tion."

Senator Dewey F. Bartlett,  
of Oklahoma, a conservative  
Republican, disagreed with Sena-  
tor Buckley because "forcing  
a President to resign because  
of public clamor could cause  
irreparable damage to the con-  
stitutional office of the Presi-  
dency."

Representative John H. Rous-  
selot of California, a conserva-  
tive Republican, said today that  
despite his admiration for Sena-  
tor Buckley, with whom he  
shared "a great many" philo-  
sophical convictions, he did not  
believe that the President should  
resign.