

Ford Says House Won't Impeach

Washington

Vice President Gerald Ford guessed yesterday that the House would oppose impeachment of President Nixon by a 4-to-3 margin at this point, but that figure might change.

In a local broadcast interview, Ford said he suspected that the House Judiciary Committee "would probably vote a resolution involving the impeachment of the President," but he did not feel the vote would be "overwhelming."

"Assuming that the committee does vote an impeachment resolution," Ford said, "I doubt if there is a majority in the House that would vote for the resolution. It's probably a 4-to-3

ratio at the present time, but it could change with developments between now and when it comes to the floor of the House, if and when it does."

Such a vote, Ford said, would be difficult in terms of pleasing a member's constituents.

"I think voting for impeachment, or even voting against impeachment, is a loser for any member of the Congress, Democratic or Republican, because there are those hard core areas, those that want the President impeached and those that don't," Ford said.

Ford was interviewed on WMAL-TV's "McCaffrey at Large."

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