

Impeaching Nixon--the First Speech

Washington

The first formal White House discussion of possible impeachment of President Nixon was halted on a technicality after only six months last night.

A speech on the subject by Representative Paul N. McCloskey (Rep - Calif.) was stopped on demand of Representative Earl F. Landgrebe (Rep - Ind.) for a quorum that the House could not muster.

McCloskey said he believes "that time seems almost at hand" when the House must consider formal impeachment proceedings "unless the President makes a full and fair disclosure of everything he knows and when he learned it."

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Landgrebe said he has no vendetta against McCloskey and represents no wing of the Republican party. But, he added:

"I don't think any member of Congress — Republican, Democrat or Socialist — should be on the floor talking about impeachment without a quorum present."

When Landgrebe made the quorum call, the House was able to muster only 152 members, far short of the 218 needed.

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Connally's Having Some Second Thoughts

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Former Democrat John Connally, who joined the Nixon administration with great fanfare less than a month ago, is ready to quit unless he gets a definite assignment from President Nixon, sources informed the Washington Post yesterday.

What's more, Business Week magazine reported, Treasury Secretary George P. Schultz is also disgruntled and also may leave.

Connally spent yesterday with the President cruising the Potomac aboard the presidential yacht Sequoia.

He was described as being upset at the failure of Mr. Nixon to focus on economic issues, which Connally considers of key importance to the administration.

Both Connally and Shultz were reported to be upset over their lack of close communication with Mr. Nixon. Business Week, in the current issue, said the two men presented their economic ideas to the President and he just "looked out the window," and that Shultz' conversations with Mr. Nixon on his recent trip to Iceland were limited to "hello and good-by."

A source close to the for-

mer Texas governor said Connally did not intend to make a dramatic resignation but, rather, "slip away" and go back quietly.

The same source said Connally walked into the economic meeting at the White House Tuesday and wondered to himself: "What am I doing here?"

One high administration source said what Connally is doing here is that he wants a definite assignment, preferably as secretary of state. This is unlikely, the source said, because of potential conflicts with Henry Kissinger, the national security affairs adviser.

When Representative Samuel S. Stratton (Dem-N.Y.) moved that the doors be locked and the sergeant of arms sent to bring members back to the capitol, McCloskey himself moved to adjourn and that was approved by voice vote.

QUORUM

McCloskey said he respects Landgrebe's right to demand the quorum but said

he was cut off much the same as when he was given only one delegate at the Republican National Convention in his effort to unseat Mr. Nixon.

"They not only don't want to have disagreement," McCloskey said of fellow Republicans. "They don't even want to hear disagreement."

However, McCloskey told

newsmen, he does not now believe Mr. Nixon should be impeached.

He said the thrust of his speech was simply that if the President does not explain his role in the Watergate "then I think in a very short time the House will have the obligation to inquire into whether impeachment proceedings should begin."

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