

A Javits Warning To Nixon

Washington

Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York warned President Nixon yesterday against playing "impeachment politics" by trimming his legislative programs "to please a given number of senators: 33 plus one."

Deputy White House press secretary Gerald Warren disputed Javits' charge of "impeachment politics," but said that he had not seen Buckley's remarks. "As a member of the Senate, Senator Javits of course has the right to express himself, but in this case he's wrong," Warren said.

Javits, a liberal Republican who supported Mr. Nixon's candidacies in both 1968 and 1972, said he fears that the administration is abandoning legislative programs to please Senate conservatives, in the hope of gaining the 34 votes needed to block an impeachment conviction, which requires a two-thirds vote.

The senator cited alleged administrative shifts in position on mass transit, consumer protection, welfare reform and land use.

He spoke out, he said, "before they develop into a serious deterioration of the capacity for government and the actual operation of the presidency."

The senator also noted that under the 25th amendment, Mr. Nixon could voluntarily relinquish office for a temporary period. Did he urge such an action? If the President asked his opinion, he would give it, Javits said, but he would not confide his thoughts to the public at large.

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