

Warning to Nixon From a Conservative

Washington

Senator James A. McClure (Rep-Ida.), said yesterday that Senate conservatives like himself may have to demand President Nixon's resignation if Mr. Nixon keeps playing "impeachment politics" by currying favor with liberals.

McClure, a longtime Nixon supporter, stressed he is not calling for Mr. Nixon's resignation "at this time."

But in a critical review of Mr. Nixon's alleged maneuvering for support in his impeachment struggle, McClure said Senate conservatives will have "no alternative" but to demand resignation if the pattern of giving in to liberal demands continues.

He said Mr. Nixon's "ability to govern effectively and to lead at all" has come



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"into sharp question."

At a news conference, McClure said he has learned that Mr. Nixon will sign a bill creating the Legal Services Corp., bitterly opposed by conservatives.

He also said that during Senate debate on the bill, Mr. Nixon told conservatives that no decision had been reached on signing the bill and that chief of staff Alexander M. Haig assured liberals there would be no veto.

"To me, and to others in the Congress, it looks as if commitments made by the White House staff to Senate liberals will be honored above commitments made by the President himself to the American people in two consecutive elections," McClure said.

"I resent this kind of impeachment politics," he added, "and the public should resent it."

McClure said Mr. Nixon and the White House are trying to "placate everybody" and warned that "to be all things to all people will be self-defeating."

Asked if Mr. Nixon might not be trying to pick up liberal support in the event of a Senate impeachment trial, McClure said that is "a calculation he'll have to make."

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