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House Probers Split on New Impeachment Moves

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House Judiciary Committee Republicans and Democrats agreed yesterday that House acceptance of their impeachment report on former President Nixon should not be viewed in any way as a vote on impeachment.

Some committee Democrats said they want at least a formal House vote on ac-

cepting the committee's impeachment report, but chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., (Dem-N.J.) said he does not favor even that.

Rodino said he wants to close out the committee's impeachment proceedings and not reissue committee subpoenas for Nixon tapes to President Ford.

The report being drafted

by the special impeachment inquiry staff will be a concise summary of the evidence supporting each charge in the three impeachment articles approved by the committee.

The report was redrafted after Mr. Nixon released three new transcripts last week showing he authorized an effort to steer the FBI away from Nixon re-election money financing of the Watergate break-in.

The committee's second-ranking Republican, Representative Robert P. McClory of Illinois, joined what appeared to be a developing consensus for a printing of 50,000 copies of the report but opposed a formal House vote on acceptance.

"I think the (committee) Republicans will stand solidly against any formal House action," McClory said. "I would myself. I am against any further consideration that might be interpreted as an impeachment vote."

Representative Robert F. Drinan (Dem-Mass.) the committee's first and most vocal supporter of impeachment, said he would not ask for a House vote because he said impeachment is moot with Mr. Nixon's resignation.

Representatives George E. Danielson of California and Elizabeth Holtzman of New York, two committee Democrats, agreed impeachment is moot, but said they favor some formal House action that would endorse the findings of the impeachment report.

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