

Bay Congressmen Still Favor Move to Impeach

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There was still sentiment in favor of impeaching President Nixon within the Bay Region's congressional delegation yesterday despite his decision to hand over the White House tapes.

"I'm going to support impeachment," said Representative Phillip Burton (Dem - S.F.). Until yesterday, Burton had kept his feelings on the matter guarded.

He said the President decided to surrender the tapes because "there was a tidal wave running toward impeachment that impelled him to try and save himself."

RESOLUTION

Representative Fortney H. Stark (Dem - Danville) said Mr. Nixon's decision was "the act of a desperate man trying to find a hole to hide in."

He and Burton joined five other Bay Area congress-

men in co-authoring an impeachment resolution before the President changed his mind over the tapes.

The others were Representatives Robert L. Leggett (Dem - Vallejo), Ronald V. Dellums (Dem - Berkeley), Paul N. McCloskey (Rep - Portola Valley), Leo J. Ryan (Dem - South San Francisco) and Jerome R. Waldie (Dem - Antioch), the original author.

Representatives William S. Mailliard (Rep - S.F.), Don Edwards (Dem - San Jose) and John E. Moss (Dem - Sacramento) had called for investigations into whether impeachment proceedings should begin.

Mailliard said yesterday he still thinks there should be such an investigation despite Mr. Nixon's about-face.

PROSECUTOR

Republican Don Clausen, who represents Sonoma and Napa counties, urged that the courts appoint a special prosecutor to replace Archi-

bald Cox. He said he opposes impeachment proceedings.

Many in Congress believe there are still grounds for impeachment because of the President's dismissal of Cox and because of his order to Cox to desist in his efforts to obtain other White House documents relating to the ITT, milk fund and other controversies.

Representative John J. McFall (Dem - Manteca) said, "The special prosecutor is still a very important part of this matter, perhaps more important than the tapes themselves."

"We have solved half of the problem — now we have to solve the rest of it, and I hope through some sort of an accommodation."