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# Partisan reaction in California

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California Democrats appeared today still to be for impeachment of President Nixon while Republican leadership continued to express praise for the President's decision to surrender his Watergate tapes.

Leadership of both parties, however, seemed in agreement that the surrender took the steam out of the impeachment drive.

Governor Reagan termed the President's action as "justifying our continued patience and confidence that our system of government is continuing to work."

"Are we supposed to applaud him for obeying the law?" questioned Democratic Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti.

Mayor Alioto termed himself "delighted" by the presidential offer of surrender but said he still was "puzzled" by the dismissal of Archibald Cox as special Watergate prosecutor.

"It appears that the tapes have nothing to do with the dismissal of Cox. It simply was an excuse," said Alioto.

Herbert G. Klein, former presidential communications director, said he believed, in the face of failure by the President in his compromise negotiations, that the surrender was "a very wise move."

Klein said he had no knowledge of what had been re-

corded on the tapes but believed they will turn out to be of minor importance in the entire Watergate investigation.

Robert Finch, former advisor to Nixon, termed the decision "belated" but one that "should be welcomed by almost everyone."

California Democratic Sen. Alan Cranston said, "This does not end the whole matter, regardless of what's on the tapes.

"And I hope that we will now move on to the next step, which is the reappointment of a special prosecutor so the investigation can press forward," said Cranston.