

GOP Seeks Impeachment Speedup

Washington

House Judiciary Committee Republicans agreed at a closed caucus yesterday to press for "expeditious action" on the possible impeachment of President Nixon.

Without directly criticizing committee chairman Peter W. Rodino (Dem-N.J.), the committee's 17 Republicans set the stage for charges of foot-dragging against the 21-member Democratic majority.

The Republican members urged that the preliminary phases of the investigation

be turned over to a "manageable subcommittee," suggesting that it consist of five Democrats and four Republicans, and they suggested that the subcommittee conduct all its work in closed session, on the ground that its proceedings are comparable to those of a grand jury.