

Subpoena Power Shared On Impeachment Data

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Judiciary Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. has changed his mind and agreed to share subpoena powers with committee Republicans, removing an immediate threat of a partisan squabble over impeachment of President Nixon.

The question of subpoena powers and the impasse over committee access to facts gathered by Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski were on the agenda for a meeting of the panel's senior members today.

Asked yesterday if he would continue to resist an effort to force him to share subpoena power with ranking committee Republican Rep. Edward

Hutchinson, R-Mich., Rodino said, "I certainly will not. We are going to do this in a bipartisan way."

The committee voted along party lines last October to give Rodino sole subpoena power and the chairman refused to let the GOP share authority to summon witnesses.

It was decided later, however, the committee did not have such authority and that it would have to send a resolution to the full House. Republicans promised a partisan fight again, but Rodino confirmed yesterday he would share the power.