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Clear of Role In Impeachment

Houston

American Bar Association policy makers yesterday refused to concern themselves with the impeachment of President Nixon despite the pleas of its law student division.

After only brief discussion, the 330-member house of delegates rejected by voice vote a motion that the ABA act to help "end an era of secrecy."

Division president Howard J. Kane said "impeachment is not something that can be dealt with, without the help of the organized bar."

The division's revised resolution called for the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives to conduct its impeachment proceedings "in an open and public manner."

The resolution said that "a vote on the merits is necessary . . . and is in the interest of the organized bar and the public good."

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