

Percy Sees Impeachment Feeling High

Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.) yesterday expressed a feeling of "ominous fear" that continued refusal of President Nixon to provide Watergate-related documents and tapes sought by the House Judiciary Committee will lead the House to impeach him.

Furthermore, Percy told a breakfast meeting with reporters, he personally would vote to convict Mr. Nixon in a subsequent Senate trial if the Supreme Court sustained a committee subpoena for the material and the President still refused.

"No man in this country could dare to place himself above the law," Percy said.

Percy, who had declared his interest in the 1976 Republican presidential nomination, said he senses a growing mood in Capitol Hill cloakrooms to act against the President if he doesn't produce the material requested.

Republicans who a year ago would never have thought about openly criticizing Mr. Nixon are now doing so, he said.

"The time is getting perilously close" when White House adamancy will undo the President among those who must vote on impeachment, he said. "The White House had it in their control to move it the other way," he said, "but they didn't. It's still not too late to reverse it."