

# Democrats Revising Game Plan

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A Senate impeachment trial of President Nixon is "a real enough possibility" for this fall that Democrats are having to revise their campaign plans, party national Chairman Robert S. Strauss said yesterday.

"We have to approach it in a responsible way so people don't think the Democrats are attempting to make a political bonanza of an approaching impeachment trial," Strauss told reporters at a briefing at party headquarters.

Asked if he was predicting that Mr. Nixon would be impeached by the House of Representatives, Strauss said, "that's something we have to look forward to as a real possibility. That's my morning line on it, and it hasn't changed for the past week."

He said he had already issued orders that there be no reference to the impeachment of the President on the fundraising telethon scheduled for the weekend of June 30.

"It would be bad politics," he said, to discuss impeachment "when the House may be ready for a vote or already have voted it."

As for the fall, Strauss said he had told the heads of the party's unit to begin planning now for the kind of strategy that would be appropriate if a Senate trial of the President is occurring or imminent during the campaign period.

"The climate today makes that a real enough possibility that we have to decide how we approach it," Strauss said. He noted that attitudes on the trial "might be different in different sections of the country so there won't be a Democratic Party line—except to be responsible."

Strauss made the comments at a meeting with reporters on plans for the December mid-term party conference in Kansas City. He took the occasion to reiterate his opposition to the requirement for future mid-term conferences, which the charter commission voted earlier this month to include in the draft charter.

Strauss also announced that his plans to put the national committee leadership and staff aboard a train for an eight-day tour of the country in May had run into serious snags. He said he hoped the negotiations with Amtrack could be worked out and that the trip, designed to spur local organizing efforts, could be rescheduled for early September.