Impeachment Hearings

Washington

Members of the House Judiciary Committee are considering a timetable that would begin hearings on impeachment evidence by May 1 and complete committee action by mid-June.

Although the dates are still tentative, sources familiar with the developing plans report general support for starting full committee hearings after the House returns from the Easter recess on April 22.

Members of the impeachment inquiry staff have estimated that it would require six weeks for the committee to hear and digest the material and, barring unforeseen difficulties, allow final action by about June 15.

The committee chairman, Representative Peter W. Rodino (Dem.-N.J.), declined to discuss a timetable yesterday except to say that the committee and its staff need to move "carefully and expeditiously."

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