

New GOP

Pressure

On Nixon

Washington

Republicans in Congress applied pressure on President Nixon yesterday to comply with the House Judiciary Committee's subpoena demanding tapes that could be used as evidence against him in impeachment proceedings.

Senate sources said six senior Senators — the GOP hierarchy in that body — had warned earlier in the week that he would be flirting with impeachment on the grounds of contempt of congress if he defied the demand for evidence.

In the house, Representative David W. Dennis of Indiana, a senior Republican on the judiciary committee, said he hoped House Republican leaders would use the Easter recess to convey to Mr. Nixon the message that his interests dictate that he comply.

The White House offered no explanation to its non-committal statement issued Thursday after the House panel voted 33 to 3 to serve the subpoena on Mr. Nixon.

The subpoena demands delivery by April 25 of 41 or 42 tapes, including some the White House has been most reluctant to yield.

Senate sources said the warning to Mr. Nixon of the risks of noncompliance came at a meeting Tuesday between Republican leaders and Dean Burch, longtime associate of Senator Barry Goldwater and now a White House functionary.

Attending the meeting were Senators Hugh Scott, Pa., GOP leader; Robert P. Griffin, Michigan, GOP whip; John G. Tower, Texas, GOP policy committee chairman; Norris Cotton, New Hampshire, GOP caucus chairman; Wallace F. Bennett, Utah, caucus secretary, and William Brock, Tennessee, GOP campaign committee chairman.

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