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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

IMPEACHMENT POLITICS

Should the House of Representatives vote to send a bill of impeachment to the Senate, President Nixon will need at least 34 Senators to vote "no" if he is to avoid conviction by two-thirds of the Senate. Which 34 Senators can he count on? In Washington, D.C.,

their identities constitute one of the most popular guessing and therefore unreliable games of the day.

From a variety of veteran knowledgeable sources, Intelligence Report has compiled a list of crucial Nixonian Senators. It consists of 23 Republican liabilities, one independent, and 10 Democrats, all but two from the South: The

Democrats most frequently suggested as those who would prevent Nixon's conviction are Sens. Alan Bible and Howard Cannon of Nevada; James Eastland and John Stennis of Mississippi; Bennett Johnston and Russell Long of Louisiana; Sam Nunn and Herman Talmadge of Georgia; John McClellan of Arkansas; James Allen of Alabama. The inde-

pendent is Sen. Harry Byrd Jr. of Virginia.

As the U.S. Senate is politically constituted, it consists of one independent (Byrd), one Conservative (James Buckley of New York), 41 Republicans, and 57 Democrats.

Impeachment politics is currently the name of the big game, and all Washington is eagerly watching as it is being played out.