

# Probe resists demands on witnesses

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WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee driving to complete its impeachment inquiry by July 15, is resisting Republican demands it decide now whether to call key Watergate witnesses.

It also is refusing to get into an argument with President Nixon over its right to subpoena White House tapes, ignoring his latest rebuff and making plans to issue a new subpoena later in the week.

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## GOP chiefs: Nixon in peril

WASHINGTON — House Minority Leader John Rhodes says President Nixon most likely will be impeached if he refuses to obey a Supreme Court order to surrender subpoenaed White House materials.

Sen. Hugh Scott, the Senate Republican leader, also said that if Nixon refused to abide a clear directive of the court "it would be a grave mistake."

no Jr., (D-N.J.) said after a meeting of committee Democrats yesterday it was important and urgent the committee meet its July 15 deadline for recommending to

the House whether Nixon should be impeached.

"We feel it has to be concluded," Rodino said. If necessary, the House leadership wants an impeachment vote

by the full House in late July or early August.

The Democratic caucus followed a similar meeting of the Republican members, who agreed unanimously to send Rodino a letter demanding the question about witnesses be settled this week.

Rodino has insisted the presentation of all documentary evidence gathered in the inquiry be completed before consideration is given to calling witnesses.

The presentation, which continued in closed session today, is due to be completed June 19 or 20.