

Debates May Be Broadcast

Democrats on the House Rules Committee yesterday pushed through a resolution that will permit standing committees to broadcast their meetings. The immediate impact will be to allow the Judiciary Committee next week to televise its final sessions of debate on the impeachment of the President.

The House resolution involves clarification of an existing rule which provides for the broadcast of "hearings" but does not specify "meetings." Next week's Judiciary Committee sessions would thus be barred from broadcast under present rules.

Democratic congressional leaders,

however, reportedly favor televising the debate, and the rules change is expected to be passed by the House on Monday.

Republicans on the Rules Committee objected. Rep. James H. Quillen (R-Tenn.) predicted the three day of discussion would turn into a "circus," and he said the meetings "would be designed and controlled by those who would destroy" the presidency.

A motion to table the resolution until after the impeachment debate failed on a strict party vote. The resolution passed with one Republican—Delber L. Latta of Ohio—siding with the Democrats.