

A Swing to Nixon

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Sen. J. Bennett Johnston (D-La.) yesterday said he has detected a shift in Congress toward support of President Nixon and against impeachment.

He declined to speculate, however, on whether the House would vote for impeachment, saying, "I would say the issue is very cloudy at this time".

Johnston, in a recorded television interview, said, "I would say in the Congress the President has turned a corner and has the tide of congressional feeling moving in his direction to some extent."

He said the situation could change sharply depending on the Supreme Court's decision in the case asking the President to turn over tapes.

"If the Supreme Court, in a clear decision, ruled against the President, and he failed to obey, that would be very bad for the President," Johnston said.