House Leaders Feel Trend Is Against Nixon

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and for future floor votes. working against the Presipeachment hearings so far is dent, both in the committee the momentum of the im-House leaders feel that

impeachment on the floor, he admitted that the hearthe President. ings so far have not favored would vote for or against take a head count of who said it would be unseemly to leader John Rhodes (Ariz.) While House Republican

in the next week or so. says the situation is volatile are not enough votes for impeachment on the floor. He and could change again Rhodes still believes there

of Judiciary Committee ma-terial to read, and they de-scribe him as genuinely not weekend bearing armloads Meanwhile Rhodes is agonizing over how he will cast his own vote. Aides said he went to Ocean City last

They say he intends to

groups of 10 to see if there is front on impeachment. "He tends to meet with other after that. Rhodes also incuss their decision, and will they cast their votes to disunited front. try," a Rhodes aide said of a this point, but he's going to thinks it's improbable at House Republicans in small not make up his mind until

how other Republicans vote. could have a big effect on pecially if he should decide Rhodes' own decision, esvote for impeachment,

Majority Leader Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill (D-Mass.) running against the Presitee has conducted itself with "dignity and decorum" and agrees that momentum is feels the Judiciary Commit-

60 votes, and adds that if the impeachment decision the present momentum con-s will be cleared with the ment by a margin of at least House will vote impeach-O'Neill predicts that the

meet with Republican memtinues the margin could go
bers of the committee after as high as 100. possibility of a united South and border states, would vote against impeachment, while at least 40 Reocrats haven't taken a head would vote for it. east, Midwest and West, count either, but in his estipublicans, from the Northmate a maximum of 40 Dem-

in the House-248 Demoabout the party distribution offset would leave the final impeachment vote at just mate is right, the 40-to-40 If O'Neill's mimimum esti

Republican votes for impeachment are likely to come from the Illinois, Wisdelegations. consin, New York, Massacrats and 187 Republicans. chusetts, Ohio and Oregon

Aug. 12, with a final vote Aug. 23. tatively scheduled to begin Debate on the floor is ten-

Before going to the floor,

He stresses that the Dem-

dures. Committee, traffic cop for bate, plus amendment procethe length and terms of deegislation in the House, sets The 15-member Rules

mostly from the

days. to the rules Committee on Aug. 5. The presentation is expected to take its work could take from one to three The Judiciary Committee

a day, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. proximately 10 days, with the House working 10 hours including a Saturday session ticles. That would take appeachment resolution or arsider amendments to the im-100 hours to debate and connally thought he would need W. Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.) origi-Committee Chairman Peter On the floor, Judiciary

his committee so far, now the way things have gone in But Rodino, pleased with

House Rules Committee, thinks he may need only 60 which will set the ground hours. rules for the floor procedure.

ments might be worked out. ership stressed that no final mine what floor arrangedure works will help deterdecision has been made How the committee proce-

to offer on the floor. all amendments to the resobe "open," allowing any and lutions members might want The rule most likely will

want to speak, or when the time limit runs out, the that the House debates the whole House" to amend the House then "resolves itself into a committee of the When no more members dividing the time equally, Republicans and Democrats allowed by the rule, with bill for the number of hours The normal procedure is

offered, with each member up the chair to someone he designates "chairman of the legislation. Speaker Carl Albert gives for or against. having five minutes to speak and amendments are then committee of the whole"

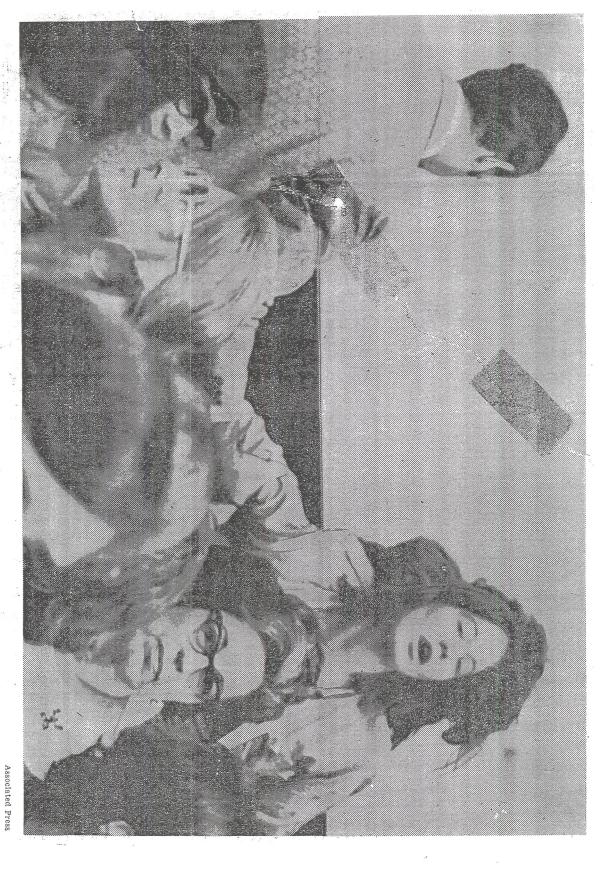
A spokesman for the lead

of amendments.

up his mind, and O'Neill, up to this point, has been opfollowing that. posed to it. will be televised. Speaker whether the House debate Albert said he has not made Also not decided is

with Rodino and ranking committee Republican Ed-40 to 60 hours of debate, 40 hours for consideration trolling the time, then 20 to ward Hutchison (Mich.) conlowed, the rule could allow If this procedure is fol-

a final vote on impeachment votes on articles first with taken on articles, or; whetto impeach the President beon the question of whether whether there will be a vote her there will be separate fore separate votes are It has not been decided



A security agent escorts an unidentified woman from the House Judiciary Committee hearing room after an outburst yesterday.