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*Vice President  
calls article vote  
a partisan issue*

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WASHINGTON — Vice President Ford said last night the fact that all 21 Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee voted to recommend impeachment of President Nixon "tends to make it a partisan issue."

The vice president said if the full House of Representatives considers impeachment solely "on the facts" they will vote it down.

At a news conference on the lawn of his suburban Virginia house, Ford said he remains convinced the President is innocent of any impeachable offense.

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