

Senate Prepares For Trial

Washington

The Senate took its first step yesterday to prepare for a possible impeachment trial of President Nixon.

It approved without debate a resolution introduced by party leaders directing the Senate Rules Committee to review all rules and precedents with respect to trial procedures.

The committee is to report to the Senate by September 1.

The resolution was introduced and adopted immediately after Senators Mike Mansfield and Hugh Scott, the Democratic and Republican leaders, and their assistant leaders, Senators Robert C. Byrd (Dem-W. Va.) and Robert P. Griffin (Rep-Mich.) met for nearly two hours to discuss steps to prepare for a Senate trial.

Mansfield and Scott told newsmen that, in light of the House Judiciary Committee's vote recommending impeachment, they had no choice but to begin preparations for a possible trial in the Senate.

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