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**Retiring House Members Find
Impeachment Issue Still Tough**

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WASHINGTON, July 31 — Representative Howard W. Robinson, Republican of upstate New York, does not have to worry about political fallout in voting on impeachment. He is not seeking re-election.

Yet he and a number of others who are retiring from the House at the end of the present term say that not having the electorate looking over their shoulders has not made it easier in reaching a decision on how to vote.

Although most of them are already leaning for or against impeachment, they say they have not yet made up their minds. Many are reading avidly the stacks of Judiciary Committee evidence.

"I spend just about all my free time wading through the volumes," Mr. Robinson said today. "I'm about halfway through. Sometimes, I feel that my eyes are going to fall out, but it's a historic opportunity."

While he insists that he is having as rough a time reaching a decision as his colleagues seeking re-election, Mr. Robinson does concede that one of the major reasons he decided not to seek re-election was a desire to "clear my own personal decks for impeachment action."

Advice to Colleagues

He said he had advised colleagues seeking re-election to vote their convictions.

"I am convinced," he said, "that if one does what one thinks is proper under the Constitution, in the end the constituents will accept that decision."

Representative John M. Zwach, Republican of Minnesota, also says that he is agonizing over a decision, despite the fact he does not have to face the electorate again.

"All through the years, I've enjoyed getting mail from my constituents," Mr. Zwach said. "It's a voice I like to hear. But this time, it's my decision, no matter what they feel."

Another prospective retiree, Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, Republican of New Jersey, says that he, too, finds

it a difficult decision to make.

He explained:

"I don't have to worry about the voters, true, but it's something I'll have to live with the rest of my life. I've just about made up my mind—no, I'm not saying what it is right now

— but I want to be absolutely sure. After all, my great grandfather (Frederick Theodore Frelinghuysen) was one of those Senators who voted to convict Andrew Jackson."

A Republican Agonizes

Representative David Martin, Republican of Nebraska, also does not think it will be easier to reach a decision, despite his forthcoming retirement.

"Being a Republican, I would dislike voting to impeach a Republican president, of course," he said. "But I'll make up my mind that way."

Representative George A. Goodling, Republican of Pennsylvania, says that the fact he is not seeking re-election "doesn't make it one bit easier for me to make up my mind."

Unlike many of the others who will retire, Mr. Goodling said he had no intention of reading the volumes of evidence compiled by the Judiciary Committee.

"I've got more important things to do than read all that," he said. "I want to hear the arguments on the floor, then I'll make up my mind."

Representative Ancher Nelson, Republican of Minnesota, concedes that not seeking re-election makes his decision a little easier.

"I can approach it totally relaxed," he said. "And unless something else shows up, my position is in support of the President. I've known him a long time, he's done a fine job."

Representative John Ware, Republican of Pennsylvania, says he is still trying to reach a decision, and that not seeking re-election "doesn't make it any easier."

"Maybe I'm just deluding myself, but I'd like to think I'd vote my conviction, no matter what," Mr. Ware observed.