

Impeachment: How California

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While 20 of California's 24 Democratic congressmen will vote to impeach President Nixon 16 of the state's 19 Republican congressmen are still undecided.

Two Republicans plan to vote "no," while one has decided to vote "yes."

Three Democrats are still undecided, while one was unavailable due to a family illness.

congressmen

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The Democrats:

JOHN E. MOSS, Third District, Sacramento: "I will vote to impeach Richard Nixon. I was the first member of either House to call for the inquiry exactly 15 months ago. I will vote for the first Two Articles. I have some problems with Article Number Three — contempt of Congress."

ROBERT L. LEGGETT, Fourth District, Vallejo: "I authored bills of impeachment against the President last November. I shall be rather strong for conviction because of the President's admission to obstruction of justice, illegal entry.

"I do intend to vote for all three Articles of impeachment. I will present arguments in favor of impeachment."

PHILLIP BURTON, Fifth District, San Francisco:

"I am prepared now as I was prepared last October . . . to vote impeachment of Richard Nixon for high crimes and misdemeanors, committed in violation of his oath of office and against the people of the United States."

JOHN BURTON, Sixth District, San Francisco: "Certainly I will vote for impeachment. The evidence is overwhelming that Mr. Nixon is guilty of the formal charges that will come before the House of Representatives for vote . . .

"I will vote impeachment and trust in an early conviction despite the fact that we Democrats could reap political harvest the longer Mr. Nixon remains in office."

RONALD V. DELLUMS, Seventh District, Berkeley: "The House Judiciary Committee has voted out three impeachment articles with a strong bipartisan majority.

"I believe these articles are carefully written and carefully documented and I have no doubt that the Committee's recommendation will be accepted by the House . . ."

FORTNEY H. STARK, Eighth District, Oakland: "As one of the first or second members to introduce a resolution more than a year ago, I support impeachment . . .

"The Judiciary Committee did an excellent job and now will do the same on the floor of the House and I am sure the Senate also will do so . . . It is important we go through the process no matter what the outcome."

DON EDWARDS, Ninth District, San Jose: "I voted to approve the Bill of Impeachment and to refer the matter to the Senate for trial. You may assume I will vote Yes."

LEO J. RYAN, Eleventh District, South San Francisco: "There is only one issue: whether in the minds of each member individually he thinks the President is guilty of a substantial abuse of power . . .

"To me the pattern of abuse is more than enough . . . I will vote in favor of impeachment."

JEROME R. WALDIE, Fourteenth District, Antioch: "Our obligation and our duty is to impeach this President in order that this country might get about doing its business the way it should in pursuant to standards that have been set for this country since its beginning."

JOHN J. McFALL, Fifteenth District, Manteca: "I am going to support impeachment. I will at least support the first two Articles . . ."

B. F. SISK, Sixteenth District, Fresno: "I expect to vote for impeachment.

"I think the evidence is

solid and concrete. The only alternative would be to vote for a double standard and I cannot support that policy or principle."

AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS, Twenty-First District, Los Angeles: "I plan to support the Committee recommendation . . . I will vote 'Yes' on impeachment."

JAMES C. CORMAN, Twenty-Second District, Van Nuys: "I am going to vote for impeachment. There has been no question in my mind for a long time that the President has directed it all and I am very incensed by his attacks on the people who were exposing the facts."

THOMAS M. REES, Twenty-Sixth District, Los Angeles: "I am voting for impeachment and basically on the points outlined by the three Articles approved by the Judiciary Committee.

"I probably would have gone further. When you have a president who has members of his staff convicted or indicted, it shows probable cause that he is incapable of running the country."

GEORGE E. DANIELSON, Twenty-Ninth District, Los Angeles: "The extensive evidence considered by the Judiciary Committee during the impeachment inquiry establishes a course of conduct by the President and his high officials that amounted to an obstruction of justice, abuse of power . . .

"In view of the evidence, my oath of office requires I vote for impeachment."

EDWARD R. ROYBAL, Thirtieth District, Los Angeles: "Based on the reading of the evidence, I will vote

stand

DEMOCRATS (24)

Congressman	District	Residence	Yes	No	Undecided
Harold T. Johnson	2nd	Roseville			X
John E. Moss	3rd	Sacramento	X		
Robert L. Leggett	4th	Vallejo	X		
Phillip Burton	5th	San Francisco	X		
John Burton	6th	San Francisco	X		
Ronald V. Dellums	7th	Berkeley	X		
F. H. "Pete" Stark	8th	Oakland	X		
Don Edwards	9th	San Jose	X		
Leo J. Ryan	11th	So. San Francisco	X		
Jerome R. Waldie	14th	Antioch	X		
John J. McFall	15th	Manteca	X		
B. F. Sisk	16th	Fresno	X		
Chet Holifield	19th	Montebello			Not available
Augustus F. Hawkins	21st	Los Angeles	X		
James C. Corman	22nd	Van Nuys	X		
Thomas M. Rees	26th	Los Angeles	X		
George E. Danielson	29th	Los Angeles	X		
Edward R. Roybal	30th	Los Angeles	X		
Charles H. Wilson	31st	Hawthorne	X		
Richard T. Hanna	34th	Anaheim			X
Glenn M. Anderson	35th	Harbor City	X		
Yvonne B. Burke	37th	Los Angeles			No comment
George E. Brown, Jr.	38th	Colton	X		
Lionel Van Deerlin	41st	San Diego	X		

REPUBLICANS (19)

Congressman	District	Residence	Yes	No	Undecided
Don H. Clausen	First	Crescent City			X
Charles S. Gubser	10th	Gilroy			X
Burt L. Talcott	12th	Salinas			X
Robert J. Lagomarsino	13th	Ventura			X
Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey, Jr.	17th	Portola Valley	X		
Robert B. "Bob" Mathias	18th	Tulare			X
Carlos J. Moorhead	20th	Glendale		X	
Delwin Clawson	23rd	Downey			X
John H. Rousselot	24th	San Marino			X
Charles E. Wiggins	25th	West Covina		X	
Barry Goldwater, Jr.	27th	Tarzana			No comment
Alphonzo Bell	28th	Los Angeles			X
Craig Hosmer	32nd	Long Beach			No comment
Jerry L. Pettis	33rd	Loma Linda			X
William M. Ketchum	36th	Paso Robles			X
Andrew J. Hinshaw	39th	Newport Beach			X
Bob Wilson	40th	San Diego			X
Clair W. Burgener	42nd	Rancho Santa Fe			X
Victor V. Veysey	43rd	Brawley			X

in favor of impeachment."

CHARLES H. WILSON,
Thirty-first District, Hawthorne: "I am for impeachment."

GLENN M. ANDERSON,
Thirty-fifth District, Harbor City:

"After studying the evidence relating to the obstruction of justice and the

abuse of power, I agree with the majority of the members of the Judiciary Committee that impeachment and a Senate trial is justified."

GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.,
Thirty-eighth District, Colton: "I will vote 'Yes' on all three Articles. The essential reason is that I believe the President is guilty as charged in the Articles.

Each of them constitutes an impeachable offense."

LIONEL VAN DEERLIN,
Forty-first District, San Diego: "I am prepared to support the resolution from the Judiciary Committee for impeachment. I decided after the Saturday night Massacre (firing of special prosecutors) there had been a serious obstruction of justice."

The Republicans:

DON CLAUSEN, First District, Crescent City: "I am undecided."

CHARLES S. GUBSER, Tenth District, Gilroy (retiring): "I haven't decided, but I am leaning toward voting against it unless there are more specifics."

"Everybody interprets his role in this differently:

"I feel I have got to be convinced that there is probable cause that an impeachable offense was committed . . . I think the President is entitled to be protected by the same rules of evidence that a murderer or a rapist would have. And that requires conclusive proof . . ."

BURT L. TALCOTT, Twelfth District, Salinas: "I haven't decided yet. I partly listened to the debate and read some evidence."

"I am going to try to behave like a grand juror."

"I am going to listen, to observe, and evaluate the evidence and try and match it up with the Constitution."

"The attitude in Washington is: 'Get the President.' The committee has had the votes but has been trying to put together the facts that will add up to an impeachable offense."

ROBERT J. LAGOMAR-SINO, Thirteenth District, Santa Barbara: "I haven't made up my mind and wouldn't announce it if I had."

PAUL N. "PETE" McCLOSKEY, JR., Seventeenth District, Portola Valley (1972 presidential primary opponent of President Nixon): "I am going to vote yes" on all three counts unless persuaded to the contrary by arguments that the President or supporters present . . .

"I don't write out the possibility that the President or his advocates may bring matters of new evidence that they have thus far refused to present."

ROBERT B. MATHIAS,

Eighteenth District, Tulare: "The report from the House Judiciary Committee has not been filed. It is my intention, before making a final decision as to how I will vote on impeachment, to review the specific evidence on which the charges are based and then I will make my decision."

CARLOS J. MOORHEAD, Twentieth District, Glendale: "I will vote not to impeach."

"I want to make a decision that I can live with for the rest of my life because I fully believe that this decision is far more important than my political career."

DEL CLAWSON, Twenty-third District, Downey: "I haven't decided how I will vote. There is still the debate in the House . . . Many things could alter the circumstances."

JOHN H. ROUSSELOT, Twenty-Fourth District, San Marino: "I am leaning toward voting against impeachment"

"Probably the biggest problems are with Article Two—using powers to violate citizens' rights."

"I do not believe that there is conclusive evidence that Mr. Nixon was involved directly with the Watergate cover up."

CHARLES E. WIGGINS, Twenty-fifth District, West Covina:

"Absent the revelation of significant new evidence bearing upon the President's personal complicity in serious misconduct, I will vote against his impeachment."

"But feelings will not support conviction in the Senate, and we ought not proceed to such a trial, knowing that we will fail for want of sufficient legally admissible evidence."

"The Constitution does not permit impeachment and removal of a President for having misplaced his trust or for having exercised poor judgment."

BARRY GOLDWATER, JR., Twenty-seventh District, Tarzana: "I have nothing to say at this time."

ALPHONZO BELL, Twenty-Eighth District, Los Angeles: "I have taken the position that I would wait until the evidence has been given to the House by the Judiciary Committee . . ."

"After the debate starts, then I may make a decision."

CRAIG HOSMER, Thirty-second District, Long Beach: "I do not want to make a statement at this time."

JERRY L. PETTIS, Thirty-third District, Loma Linda: "Very simply, when I have heard the evidence, I will cast my vote on the floor of the House."

WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, Thirty-Sixth District, Paso Robles: "I can't tell you how I am going to vote . . . I will wait until this matter is brought to the floor and I have had an opportunity to listen to the tapes and review the evidence."

ANDREW J. HINSHAW, Thirty-ninth District, Newport Beach: "I am going to wait and listen to the debate; we hear the evidence."

"It would be highly inappropriate to indicate our minds are made up before we hear the evidence."

"I just think that the public would insist their congressmen wait to see what the evidence is and then decide."

BOB WILSON, Fortieth District, San Diego: "I am reserving my vote on impeachment until it has been debated fully in the House."

CLAIR W. BURGNER, Forty-second District, Rancho Santa Fe: "I have pledged to keep an open mind until I can completely study the charges and the evidence made available."

VICTOR V. VEYSEY, Fortieth-third District, Brawley: "I have reached no final decision. I am reviewing the charges."