

Move to Speed Debate

Washington

House leaders reached preliminary agreement yesterday on an impeachment debate schedule that cuts in half the time devoted to the matter.

Speaker Carl Albert told newsmen the debate will open on August 19, as previously planned, but that the leadership hopes it can be concluded on August 23 or 24. The earlier schedule had called for debate through August 29.

The definitive votes that determine whether Mr. Nixon is sent to trial before the Senate will come at the end of the proceedings although the House will take preliminary action earlier on the three impeachment articles.

Albert, emphasizing that no final decisions have been reached, said present plans

are to devote 25 hours, or three days, to general debate.

Members would speak under time limitations, with those who serve on the Judiciary Committee that prepared the impeachment articles allowed at least ten minutes. Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. and ranking Republican committee member Edward Hutchinson would have more time to lay out the case.

After general debate, the House would take up the articles one by one.

A major point still to be determined, Albert said, is whether members will be required to vote yes or no on each entire article as it was reported by the Judiciary Committee, or whether opportunity to attempt to strike out parts of each will be allowed. There is no

thought of permitting additions, he said.

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Complaint on Air Safety Rules

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The National Paraplegia Foundation has charged that proposed federal air passenger safety rules would discriminate against the nation's 13.4 million handicapped persons.

David Williamson, the foundation's executive director, urged the Federal Aviation Administration to junk the proposal and draft new regulations assuring that the handicapped "be given complete and unlimited access to air travel without denial or discrimination."

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