

Senate Rules Panel Votes to Let TV Cover Possible Nixon Trial

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (UPI)—The Senate Rules Committee voted 8 to 1 today to allow live television coverage of President Nixon's trial if he is impeached.

The committee, considering changes in the rules under which an impeachment trial in the Senate would be held, agreed to a resolution suspending the rules that now prohibit any radio and television coverage of Senate proceedings.

Only the assistant Senate Republican leader, Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, voted against the resolution. He called Monday for Mr. Nixon to resign.

House Panel in Floor

The House Rules committee recommended yesterday that Mr. Nixon's impeachment hearings, which could lead to a Senate trial, be opened to live radio and television broadcasts.

The House and the Senate must still act on the recommendations of their respective Rules Committees. The proposal for live coverage has received bipartisan backing on both sides of Capitol Hill.

The Senate committee recommended that "the proceed-

ings in open session of the Senate with respect to trials of impeachment may be broadcast by radio and television."

The adopted resolution said that rules governing the extent of broadcasting coverage would be approved later by the committee in consultation with Senate Republican and Democratic leaders.

Senator Howard W. Cannon, Democrat of Nevada, the committee chairman, said the committee would meet again tomorrow to begin consideration of proposed changes in the rules governing the impeachment trial's procedures.

Senator Cannon told reporters he had already talked with representatives of the three major broadcast networks "to get their views under what conditions the proceedings would be broadcast with a minimum of disruption."

Of the more than a dozen Senators who have testified on proposed rule changes governing the trial, only two Senators, Robert Taft, Jr. Republican of Ohio, and John C. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi, opposed televising the proceedings.