

# House to Recess Aug. 22 to Sept. 11, The Senate From Aug. 23 to Sept. 4

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After consulting with President Ford, congressional leaders have scheduled a brief recess beginning the latter part of August.

With impeachment out of the way, House and Senate leaders feel they have some breathing space for finishing up legislation begun this session, and according to House Majority Whip John McFall (D-Calif.), the new President said he could use the recess time to get his new administration set up.

The House will take a break from Aug. 22 to Sept. 11, while the Senate recess will begin Aug. 23 and end Sept. 4.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) said he would set Oct. 1 as a target adjournment date in this election year, with Oct. 15 as a fallback.

McFall said the recess was discussed at the meeting of congressional leaders and President Ford following his swearing-in.

President Ford is expected to send Congress his nomination for the new Vice

President within the next 10 days. The recess time would then be used to run the necessary security checks on the vice presidential nominee, and the Judiciary committees of both houses would hold confirmation hearings when Congress returned.

McFall also said Mr. Ford expressed a desire to come up to the Hill before the recess to visit with old friends.

Asked whether the recess and the October adjournment would allow time to pass some legislation, such as national health insurance and tax reform, that Congress probably couldn't have gotten to if impeachment went forward, McFall said, "I don't know."

The changed political circumstances have made members of the House and Senate anxious to get into their campaigns, and McFall admitted that Democrats now had more to worry about.

Democrats have won four of the five special House elections this year. But McFall said:

"There's no doubt that one of the reasons for the

Democratic successes so far has been the reluctance of the Republicans to come out and vote. Surely there will be a resurgence of Republican support behind Mr. Ford."

The mood on Capitol Hill yesterday after the Ford swearing-in was lighthearted, with members joking and bantering, visibly relieved that the weight of impeachment had been lifted and the transition was going smoothly.

House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.), asked about plans for confirmation hearings on the new Vice President, jokingly suggested the Judiciary Committee might change its name to the "Committee on Impeachment and Confirmation of Vice Presidents."

The mood was also forward-looking rather than dwelling on the past. Both houses passed without dissent a resolution expressing best wishes to Mr. Ford and assuring him of congressional cooperation.

And members, particularly Republicans, were uninterested in discussing the Nixon resignation and fare-

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VENCE, France, Aug. 9 —Alger Hiss, the key target of Richard Nixon's anti-Communist investigations in the late 1940s, said today that the President's resignation can "be the beginning of a new era of justice in our country."

In a brief statement released to newsmen from his French Riviera holiday residence here, Hiss said: "I would hope that this resignation will not diminish our people's search for truth which should continue without interruption."

Mr. Nixon, then a congressman, played an important role in the investigation of Hiss, a State Department employee who was accused of having passed documents to a Communist agent. Hiss was convicted of perjury and jailed but never tried for espionage.

well speeches. "I'm not going to engage in post-mortems about Nixon, period," said Rep. Barber Conable (R-N.Y.), chairman of the GOP Policy Committee.