

## U.S. Aides Fear Impact Of Vote on Chile Arms

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State Department officials fear the Senate's vote to impose an embargo on all U.S. arms shipments to Chile may cause adverse reaction far beyond Chile's borders.

Of particular concern is a provision in the amendment

that would retroactively annul the sale of tens of millions of dollars in military aircraft, which Chile had agreed to pay for in cash.

"If I were a foreign arms buyer, I would think twice about doing business in the United States after this," said one State Department official.

Several years ago Chile signed a \$63 million contract for the cash purchase of 18 Northrop F-5E jet fighter planes. In a separate transaction Chile also agreed to pay more than \$16 million cash for a number of Cessna A-37Bs.

None of the F-5Es or the A-37Bs has been delivered and the transactions would be nullified under the amendment to the foreign aid bill approved Wednesday by the Senate. The vote to adopt the amendment was 48 to 39.

The amendment's sponsor, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), called the military junta ruling Chile "the most repressive regime in Latin America and indeed the world."