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## House Panel Backs Amnesty for Those Who Opposed War

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—A House subcommittee gave approval today to a bill that would extend amnesty to draft resisters and soldiers who defied orders or deserted because of their opposition to the war in Indochina.

The amnesty would be conditioned strictly on opposition to the war. Those seeking amnesty would have to sign a certificate stating that was the reason for their actions. The bill would also allow the release of people now serving alternative service under President Ford's amnesty program.

The measure was approved by a 4-to-1 voice vote in the House Civil Liberties Subcommittee. The chairman, Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier, Democrat of Wisconsin, said, he was "not sanguine" about the bill's prospects for approval by Congress. But he said he believed it had a chance.

In addition to amnesty, the bill would provide for restoration of constitutional rights and citizenship for those that left the country. Soldiers who refused direct orders could receive amnesty if they could say that the orders would have led them to kill someone in violation of their beliefs.

The bill would also grant amnesty to any serviceman who "disobeyed a direct order which if obeyed would reasonably have led directly to the death of another human being."

Representative Tom Railsback, Republican of Illinois, contended there was no chance Congress would pass the bill. He said before the subcommittee vote that only 3.6 per cent of the people involved in Mr. Ford's amnesty program registered as objectors to the war. He said the subcommittee bill therefore would do nothing for the great majority of draft resisters and deserters.

"You may be encouraging others to perjure themselves," he said.