

# Stennis Would Back 2d Cambodia Action

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WASHINGTON, July 26 — Senator John C. Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services, declared today that he favored another invasion of Cambodia by United States troops if the Administration found it necessary to clean out enemy sanctuaries there again.

Speaking on the American Broadcasting Company's program "Issues and Answers," the Mississippi Democrat said: "We can't live with this matter of Vietnamization and withdrawal if we are going to let them use those sanctuaries as they had been in a big way as I see it. That is why I favor going back."

Senator Stennis also disclosed that his committee had "broadened" house-approved language in the \$19-billion

military authorization act before it, to give the President a free hand to order future incursions into Cambodia. The Senate has not yet acted on the bill.

The Senator said that there were several options in the broadened language of the authorization bill that the President could use to justify sending troops into Cambodia.

"The bill is drawn now whereby this money can be used by the President for additional sanctuary attacks, or any movement related to one after it is started, and also anything to protect our own troops in any movement that he sees fit as Commander in Chief," he said.

Senator Stennis said the House version of the authorization bill said that the money

was to be "used in Vietnam." He said he found this objectionable and had the wording broadened to cover American operations in Cambodia.

"I think our Vietnamization program was in jeopardy when the President decided to go in there and it could become so again," he said.

But the Senator remained firm in opposing the use of American troops in support of any government of Cambodia or the use of American funds to send troops of other nations to aid Cambodia.

Senator Stennis denied that he had been told in advance about the United States operation in Cambodia, which began May 1 and ended June 30. But he said that he had been kept informed of the problem of the sanctuaries and the possible actions that could be taken against them in briefings by the Nixon Administration and the Central Intelligence Agency.

This week's issue of Look magazine reports that Senator Stennis was briefed on the Cambodian invasion by the President's National Security Adviser, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, before the operation began.

But the Senator said on television today:

"Well, now I wasn't told that. I was told that something might have to be done by — you know — more activity, bombing and others."