

Senate Stalls Vote

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Viet Debate Delayed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate set aside temporarily today the move to cut off money for U.S. combat involvement in Indochina.

"An opponent said it may not come to a vote until after the President's trip to Moscow.

"There has been no decision by the leadership to delay beyond today," said Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), the assistant Democratic leader.

"But his opposite, Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Mich.), said there is a possibility the vote would not come until

the President returns later this month.

Opposition

Griffin, Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss), who has an amendment to eliminate the cut-off language from pending bill, have argued the North Vietnamese offensive makes it the wrong time to consider such a question, that it undercuts the President, that even to talk about it encourages the enemy.

Supporters of the cut-off amendment of Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Clifford Case (R-N.J.), say they

don't have the votes to win now and are losing Republican support especially because of the war situation.

Senators went to work on another part of the pending State Department authorization bill, an amendment of Sen. John Tunney (D-Calif.) to restore \$11 million to the Peace Corps budget.

Speeches Go On

Still, the speeches continued on the cut-off of all money Dec. 31, provided U.S. prisoners are returned.

"If this Senate actually wants to do its best to destroy all hope rather than exercise a courageous pa-

tience," said Goldwater, "then all it has to do is pass this proposal and spread the kiss of death throughout Southeast Asia."

Church said that unless the cut-off is voted, each day the nation moves toward a "rendezvous with disaster and defeat."

"It is not easy to plead for the retention of an end-the-war at a time when the enemy's pressing his attack on the battlefield," Church said.

"We are told 'this is not the right time,' or 'this is not the right bill.' Perhaps not. But we are now in the eighth year of the American ordeal in Vietnam. When will the 'right time' ever come?"