

# House Shouts OK of Cambodia Bombing Ban

## Washington

The House all but completed yesterday a cutoff by Congress of all funds for the U.S. bombing in Cambodia.

It shouted approval of the Senate-passed cutoff after dramatically rejecting on a tie vote of 204 to 204 a proposal to delay the cutoff until September 1.

President Nixon will have ten days after he receives the bill containing the cutoff to either halt the bombing or veto the measure.

It first must go back to the Senate for an expected final approval and then go through a formal printing procedure that takes one or two days before it goes to the President.

## AUTHOR

Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (Dem.-Mo.), author of the bombing cutoff originally approved by the Senate, 63 to 19, said Mr. Nixon would "throw this nation into a constitutional impasse if he continued the bombing."

"The House has reflected the will of the American people in language that cannot be ignored," Eagleton said.

The Eagleton amendment declares:

"None of the funds herein appropriated under this act or heretofore appropriated under any other act may be expended to support directly or indirectly combat activity in, over, or from the shores of Cambodia or in or over Laos by United States forces."

If Mr. Nixon vetoes the bill, as administration spokesmen have indicated he will, many agencies will face severe budget cut-backs, since they would be

denied funds in the supplemental bill.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield vowed that if the bill is vetoed the money will not be reapproved by the Senate.

## BILL

If Mr. Nixon signs the bill, he will be prohibited from that moment on from bombing Cambodia unless Congress decides otherwise.

Supporters of the bombing policy, including House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford, appealed for at least 60 more days to let the president try to force a final cease-fire in Cambodia with the bombing.

Ford said "highly classified" negotiations now under way are aimed at seating a stable government in Cambodia and said this would bring a cease-fire.

"It is worth the gamble," Ford said. "We should give the President 60 more days

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to conclude a final settlement in Indochina."

But the amendment by House Appropriations Committee Chairman George H. Mahon (Dem.-Tex.), to delay the bombing cutoff until September 1 was rejected by the 204 to 204 tie.

Bombing opponents in both the House and Senate served notice they will try to

attach the same or even stiffer Indochina war bans to all new fund bills for the military.

They said this will start today when the House takes up a stop-gap continuing resolution to authorize the Department of Defense and other federal agencies to continue spending until their regular appropriation bills pass Congress.

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