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200 Opposing Angola Aid

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More than 200 members of Congress co-sponsored a resolution yesterday to put President Ford "on notice" that they oppose American aid to warring factions in Angola.

The nonbinding "sense of the Congress" resolution opposes any U.S. military assistance to the former Portuguese colony. It was introduced by 209 members as the House prepared to vote today on a \$112 billion defense appropriations measure carrying binding Senate language to prohibit using any of its funds for direct or indirect aid to Angola.

Rep. Don Bonker (D-Wash.) predicted "overwhelming support" in the House for the Senate ban and the House resolution, which sponsors described as a broader policy statement.

Rep. John Burton (D-Calif.) said the proposed resolution "puts (President) Ford on notice that we can simply add an amendment to any measure if he persists in involving the United States in Angola."

"Angola does not mean a damn thing to the future of this country," Burton told a news conference.

Rep. Toby Moffett (D-

Conn.) said there is "some sincere difference of opinion" in the State Department on aid to Angola.

"We've been told in briefings . . . that there is no national security involved in Angola but that it is just big-power politics," he said.

A senior U.S. official aboard Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's plane from Europe this weekend said the Senate appropriations vote last month was a go-ahead signal to Moscow and Havana to intervene in Angola. He said Cuban and Soviet support increased shortly afterward.