

3 SENATORS URGE U.S. TIES TO CUBA

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Administration Action Sought
by Kennedy, Javits, Pell

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WASHINGTON, March 4 —

Three Senators called on the Ford Administration today to normalize relations with Cuba.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy introduced a bill that would end the 13-year United States embargo on trade with Cuba as well as punitive measures against third countries and shipping companies that deal with Cuba.

Senators Jacob K. Javits and Claiborne Pell introduced a resolution asking President Ford to consider taking steps to improve relations with Cuba and to report to the Senate by June on what has been accomplished.

Senator Javits, Republican of New York, and Senator Pell, Democrat of Rhode Island, spent three days in Cuba last September. They were the first United States legislators to visit the island since the United States broke political relations with the Government of Premier Fidel Castro 14 years ago.

The actions in the Senate came three days after Secretary of State Kissinger declared in a speech in Houston that the United States was "prepared to move in a new direction" in relations with Cuba.

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Aides of the Senators said that the Kennedy bill and the Javits-Pell resolution had been drafted before Mr. Kissinger's speech and had not been coordinated with him. But a high State Department official said the Senate moves were not unwelcome.

Meanwhile, Senators Strom Thurmond and John L. McClellan assembled 35 Senators to sponsor a resolution opposing a new Panama Canal treaty that would end United States sovereignty over the Panama Canal Zone.

The resolution, which calls for "retention of undiluted United States sovereignty over the Canal Zone," is identical to one Senator Thurmond introduced a year ago in response to the opening of United States negotiations with Panama on a new canal treaty.

Theoretically, 37 votes in the Senate would suffice to defeat a treaty negotiated by the Administration. But an Administration official said the action of Senator Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina, and Senator McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, need not cause great concern.