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# Kennedy wants U.S. aid stopped in Indochina war

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy called yesterday for an end to all U.S. military aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia and for an immediate truce in South Vietnam.

In a statement on the eve of the second anniversary of the Paris agreements that were supposed to end the fighting and led to withdrawal of U.S. forces, Kennedy said President Ford's request of \$520 million in special military funds for Saigon and Phnom Penh "borders on fiscal irresponsibility."

"Congress must finally put an end to this senseless spending for a war most Americans no longer support," he said.

"What we need today is an immediate truce in South Vietnam. We need a return to the conference table, and a renewal of diplomatic efforts to accomplish the political goals of the ceasefire agreements," he said.

"I think the American tax-

payer would be shocked to learn that the ceasefire war has already cost the United States some \$8 billion. And no matter how often Congress acts to limit federal spending in Indochina, the administration always finds ways to spend more by backdoor financing or supplemental appropriations," Kennedy said.

He said "there apparently remains a determination within the administration to impose its views on the countries of the area. And in the absence of any change in Vietnam, on American terms, we shall continue to fuel a senseless war."

Kennedy noted administration claims that failure of Congress to grant further military aid would be a violation of the "clear understandings" South Vietnam had been given at the time of the ceasefire.

"What understandings? And who made them? And why are they hidden from Congress and the American people?" Kennedy asked.