

# SENATE UNIT BACKS COMPROMISE PLAN ON CAMBODIAN AID

Surprise 4-3 Vote Favors  
Administration Proposal  
for \$125-Million Arms

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JAVITS SHIFT IS THE KEY

House Panel Splits, 3-3, on  
Alternative Offering Help  
in Limited Installments

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WASHINGTON, March 11—  
A Senate Foreign Relations sub-  
committee, in a surprise vote  
of 4 to 3, approved a Ford Ad-  
ministration compromise today  
to provide \$125-million in addi-  
tional military aid to Cambodia.

A House Foreign Affairs sub-  
committee, meanwhile, split by  
3 to 3 on a proposal to provide  
\$45-million a month in emer-  
gency military aid to the Lon-  
Nol Government. Each install-  
ment would be dependent upon  
a Presidential certification that  
good-faith efforts were being  
made to achieve a negotiated  
settlement.

The original Administration  
request had been for \$222-mil-  
lion in supplemental aid to see  
Cambodia through the dry-sea-  
son warfare.

The Senate subcommittee's  
action—and to a lesser extent  
that of the House subcommittee  
—gave at least a temporary re-  
prieve to the Administration in  
its uphill struggle to win Con-  
gressional approval.

According to the Administra-  
tion, without the additional as-  
sistance, largely in ammunition,  
the Government would fall to  
the Communist led insurgent  
forces within a matter of weeks.

## Humphrey Was Confident

Though the Administration  
was winning some support at  
the subcommittee level, Demo-  
cratic and Republican leaders  
still felt it to extremely doubt-  
ful that the House of Repre-  
sentatives, and the Senate,  
would approve any additional  
military aid.

The Senate subcommittee ac-  
tion came after its chairman,  
Senator Hubert H. Humphrey,  
Democrat of Minnesota, had  
gone into the closed-door meet-  
ing confident that even the  
compromise would be defeated.

The swing vote, according to  
subcommittee members, was  
provided by Senator Jacob K.  
Javits, Republican of New York.  
He had been wavering, and the  
White House was lobbying with  
him intensively.

Senator Javits said after  
two-hour meeting that he had  
decided to vote for the aid be-  
cause he believed "that is the  
more likely course to bring  
about an orderly transition of  
government.

Basically, he explained, he

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was looking for "the less de-  
structive" course, and he has  
become persuaded that "so  
long as there remained some  
will to defend Phnom Penh,"  
fewer lives would be lost if the  
United States continued help  
rather than "to pull the plug  
and let the Khmer Rouge over-  
run Phnom Penh."

"There was a cry for help  
in the dark of night which I  
did not want to deny," he said,  
adding that for the United  
States to cease its support of  
the Cambodian leaders would  
"compel them to be liquidated  
now."

The compromise would per-  
mit the Pentagon to transfer  
\$125-million in ammunition and  
military supplies to Cambodia  
out of existing stockpiles. Po-  
litically, this has the advantage  
it will not require Congress,  
which has put a ceiling on mili-  
tary aid, to vote directly on the  
matter.

In principle the military  
would eventually get repay-  
ment, but it would be buried in  
later legislation.

Voting for the compromise in  
addition to Senator Javits, were  
Clifford P. Case, Republican of  
New Jersey, Gale McGee, Dem-  
ocrat of Wyoming, and Hugh  
Scott, Republican of Pennsyl-  
vania. Voting against were Sen-  
ator Humphrey and Frank  
Church, Democrat of Idaho, and

George McGovern, Democrat of  
South Dakota.

Senator Humphrey said the  
compromise might survive in  
the full committee, which is  
tentatively scheduled to con-  
sider the issue Thursday, but  
it remained his judgment that  
it "would not survive both  
houses."

## Freshmen Will Caucus

At the initiative of freshmen  
Democrats, House Democrats  
will meet in special caucus to-  
morrow to consider a resolution  
by Representative Bob Carr of  
Michigan opposing further mili-  
tary assistance to Cambodia or  
South Vietnam.

The freshmen expected that  
Representative Thomas P.  
O'Neill Jr., the Democratic  
leader, would oppose further  
military aid but would move to  
send the resolution to the  
House Democratic Policy and  
Steering Committee for consid-  
eration, thus sidetracking it.

The House Foreign Affairs  
subcommittee considering the  
Administration's request split  
on its own version, which that  
would have provided monthly  
installments totaling \$135-mil-  
lion in the final three months  
of the fiscal year that ends on  
June 30.

Voting for the proposal were  
Representatives Lee Hamilton,  
Democrat of Indiana, the sub-  
committee chairman, Larry  
Winn Jr., Republican of Kansas,  
and L. H. Fountain, Democrat  
of North Carolina. Voting  
against were Don Bonker, Dem-  
ocrat of Washington, Pierre S.  
Dupon, Republican of Dela-

ware, and Michael Harrington,  
Democrat of Massachusetts.

Mr. Hamilton said the sub-  
committee was not stalemated  
and would continue its delib-  
erations.

Not voting today was Rep-  
resentative Gus Yatron, Demo-  
crat of Pennsylvania, who has  
backed further military aid but  
is believed by his colleagues to  
be open to persuasion by Rep-

representative Thomas E. Morgan, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee has supported the foreign policy of the executive branch.

Apparently a key factor in swinging the votes of such members as Mr. Javits and Mr. Hamilton was the Conclusion of Representative Paul N. McCloskey Jr., Republican of California, after a trip to Indochina that an immediate aid halt would lead to an insurgent take-over?

After a briefing of the Senate Republican Policy Committee by Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, Senator John Tower, Republican of Texas, said he came away with the feeling that the situation in Cambodia was "not salvageable."

Shortly afterward Mr. Schlesinger appeared in the White House press room after a meeting with President Ford to declare that the fall of Phnom Penh was not imminent and that the situation, while grim, was not hopeless if aid was provided.