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# Helping the refugees

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WASHINGTON — Sens. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., and Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said yesterday they will introduce a bill to provide funds to help Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees resettle in the United States.

The measure will include educational, vocational and English language training, refresher professional courses and transportation as well as food, clothing and housing. Estimates of the cost run up to \$500 million.

Javits, the son of immigrants himself, said, "I deeply regret news reports that some of our citizens have expressed concerns regarding the number of Vietnamese in the United States.

"I find that attitude appalling," he said. He noted the United States had taken in 400,000 refugees after

World War II, 675,000 from Cuba in the mid-1960s, 32,000 from Hungary in the 1950s and thousands of others who fled from Communist regimes in Eastern Europe and China.

Pell, who was vice president of the International Rescue Committee which resettled Hungarian refugees in 1956 and 1957, said that "the one very real debt we owe in the part of the world is to these unfortunate Vietnamese who would suffer so horribly if they had remained in South Vietnam.

"Assistance to those who need help most desperately is in keeping with the long and proud history of compassionate action by our American people," he said.

However, in Lincoln, Neb., Assistant Democratic Senate ~~passionate action by our~~

Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said foreign countries should share the costs of relocating refugees.

At a fund-raising dinner, Byrd said, "This is a good time for the administration to call on Brazil and Venezuela and Iran and Indonesia and the Philippines and Japan and France to show a little goodwill and humanitarianism and take the load off the backs of the American taxpayers."