

# Ruling on War Sought

## Sacramento

Eleven Democratic State legislators, acting as friends of the court, asked the United States Supreme Court yesterday to agree to hear a case testing the constitutionality of the Indochina war.

The case of Orlando vs. Laird challenging the legality of U.S. involvement in the war is before the high court awaiting a decision on whether it will be heard.

The lawmakers announced their intent to join the case as a friend of the court in a telegram to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

They told Burger that as

state legislators they had an "interest in insuring that the war power clauses of the Constitution . . . are followed by the executive branch of the federal government."

They also said they wanted to make sure that "great constitutional questions which divide and agitate their constituencies are settled by the proper organs of government."

The document was submitted by Assemblymen John Miller (Berkeley), Alan Sieroty (Beverly Hills), John Burton (San Francisco), John Dunlap (Napa), John Vasconcellos (San Jose), Charles Warren Los An-

geles), Ken Meade (Oakland), Henry Waxman (Los Angeles), Assemblyman Yvonne Brathwaite (Los Angeles) and by Senators George Zenovich (Fresno) and Anthony Beilenson (Los Angeles).

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