

SENATORS DELAY SHOWDOWN MOVE

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prohibit the use of any defense funds to send ground combat troops into Cambodia, as well as Thailand and Laos.

Representative Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, the Republican leader, pleaded with the House to put off a vote until after the President's speech. The House finally voted, 131 to 100, to adjourn, delaying consideration of the bill and the amendments until next Wednesday.

The White House sought to calm the disquiet by an unsigned memorandum to Republican Congressional leaders. It said that the South Vietnamese incursion into Cambodia was "not a long-term 'quicksand' operation that would lead to a new 'Vietnam situation' in Cambodia."

The one-page memorandum described the "strike operation" as "an integral part of our operations in Vietnam" and said "this effort to clean out the enemy will result in savings of American lives."

A spokesman said the memorandum originated in the Office of Legislative Liaison, headed by William Timmons.

It said, in part, that "for the past 10 days the enemy has enormously increased its activities in the 'Cambodia pocket' that borders on South Vietnam."

To ignore them, it said, would "jeopardize the entire South Vietnamese operation, affect our ability to continue our withdrawal, present an open American flank to the enemy."

"Only the President has all the facts on this situation," it said. "He must act in what he considers to be the best interests of our country and our troops."

Instead of resorting to "the ultimate power of the purse strings," Senator Fulbright said, he was attempting to "rely on persuasion and decent respect" between Congress and the Administration to influence policy.

In line with this, the committee took the unusual step today of issuing a unanimously approved statement expressing concern over Cambodia.

It said in part: "American participation in South Vietnamese operations in Cambodia raises important questions concerning United States policy in the widening war in Indochina. These questions deeply concern the committee. They are being presented to the Executive Branch."

Among the questions, according to Senator Fulbright, was whether the South Vietnamese operation had the approval of the Cambodian Government and whether the operation was a "one-shot affair" or part of a larger operation.

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But other Senators appeared ready for a confrontation. Mark O. Hatfield, Republican of Oregon and George McGovern, Democrat of South Dakota, introduced an amendment to the military authorization bill providing that after this year funds for Vietnam could be used only for the withdrawal of American troops unless there was a declaration of war.

In the house, Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Democrat of New York, with 59 cosponsors, introduced a resolution expressing the sense of the House that the United States "refrain from any military action in Cambodia."

Representative Richard L. Ottinger, Democrat of New York, introduced a resolution that would censure the President "because he has exceeded his constitutional authority to commit American citizens to war."

Senators Delay Showdown Over Moves in Cambodia

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WASHINGTON, April 30 — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, seeking to keep pressure on the Administration, expressed concern today over the "grave development" presented by "the deepening American involvement" in Cambodia.

While unanimously adopting a statement of its view, the committee decided, however, to avoid an immediate confrontation with President Nixon by deferring action on various legislative proposals intended to

limit his authority to undertake military activities in Cambodia.

One reason for the delay was a desire to hear Mr. Nixon's explanation of the United States-supported South Vietnamese operation in Cambodia. Also, after an initial outburst of indignation over the Cambodian operation, the committee appeared to be trying to assume a restrained stance in the hope that this might influence the Administration more than legislative ultimatums might.

The House, meanwhile, put off a vote on the Cambodian issue after a stormy debate on whether to write restrictions on use of American troops in Cambodia into a \$20.2-billion military authorization bill.

Representative Ogden R. Reid, Republican of Westchester, offered an amendment to

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