

SENATE APPROVES DRAFT EXTENSION FOR 2 MORE YEARS

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72-16 Vote Sends Measure
to Conference on Monday,
2 Days Before Deadline

TROOP PULLOUT IS KEY

Vietnam Amendment Major
Difference Between Bills
and May Cause a Snarl

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WASHINGTON, June 24—The Senate passed today the bill continuing the military draft for two more years.

The measure was approved by a vote of 72 to 16 and will go to conference with the House on Monday, only two days before the Government's basic authority to conscript men expires.

Passage came after seven weeks of debate, in which the Senate considered not only the draft but also such issues as force levels in Europe and a specific date for a withdrawal of American troops from Indochina.

Yesterday, the Senate voted to cut off the debate, lest it continue for several more weeks.

There are few major differences between the bills passed by the Senate and House on the parts of the legislation that relate directly to the draft.

Both houses approved a \$2.7-billion pay increase for low-ranking servicemen, an amount far in excess of President Nixon's budget. In most other instances, however, they adopted what the Administration had sought, including the two-year extension of the draft.

Amendment Faces Fight

But there may be a snarl in conference over a Senate amendment, opposed by the Administration, that calls for withdrawal of United States troops from Indochina within nine months if American prisoners of war are released. The House bill contains no such provision.

Some Senators, led by Mike Gravel, Democrat of Alaska, have said that they will filibuster the draft bill when it comes back to the Senate from conference.

If the troop withdrawal amendment is retained by the conferees, a filibuster can probably be broken. But if the amendment is dropped in conference, there may be enough votes to sustain a filibuster for some time.

In any event, the measure will probably not be in time for men to

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