

Democrats on House Unit Favor Oct. 1 Pullout Tied to P.O.W.'s

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WASHINGTON, May 10— Democrats on the House Foreign Affairs Committee voted, 10 to 1, today in favor of a proposed bill that would require the withdrawal of all American forces from Indochina by Oct. 1 if American prisoners of war are released by North Vietnam.

The bill, which must still be approved by the full committee, underlined the stiffening opposition within Congress to the Vietnam war.

Among those voting for the bill were Representative Thomas E. Morgan of Pennsylvania, the committee chairman, who in the past has stood with the Nixon Administration in thwarting end-the-war legislation in the committee.

A close vote is now expected in the full committee. Twenty-two of the committee's 38 members are Democrats.

Hearings Are Planned

The committee plans to hold two days of hearings on the bill next week before voting on it possibly late next week or early in the following week.

In the Senate, the Administration, with some help from Senator Robert C. Byrd, the Democratic whip, was attempting to weaken a proposed amendment that would cut off funds for the war in Indochina four months after agreement is

reached on the release of prisoners of war.

The amendment, attached to a State Department budget bill and co-sponsored by senators Clifford P. Case, Republican of New Jersey, and Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, is expected to come to a vote in the Senate in the next few days.

As both sides regrouped for what is expected to be a close vote, the Senate Republican leaders—Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania and Robert P. Griffin of Michigan—toured the television and press galleries to charge that the Democrats were undercutting the President's position. Their criticism was provoked by the action of the Senate Democratic caucus yesterday in adopting, by a vote of 29 to 14, a resolution "disapproving the escalation of the war in Vietnam" and supporting, 35 to 8, the Case-Church amendment.

Connally Attacks Caucus

Much the same criticism of the Senate Democrats and the Presidential contenders came from Treasury Secretary John Connally, the only registered Democrat in the Nixon Cabinet. At a luncheon with reporters, Mr. Connally described the caucus action as "shocking and unconscionable" and accused the Senate Democrats of "putting their party ahead of country."