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A House Chief Would Delay Raid BAN?

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WASHINGTON, June 1—The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, who will be a key figure when a Senate-House conference tries next week to reconcile differing legislation to curb the bombing in Cambodia, said today that he favored giving the Nixon Administration "a little more time" to try to achieve a cease-fire.

The chairman, Representative George H. Mahon, Democrat of Texas, said that when conferees meet next week he will support a Milder antibombing provision passed by the House rather than a cut-off of all funds for Bombing in Cambodia, which was approved yesterday by the Senate on a vote of 63 to 19.

Would Bind Conferees

Mr. Mahon's remarks indicated that it could be some time before any final antibombing legislation emerged from Congress. The differing provisions are attached to a supplemental appropriations bill, and in appropriations matters it often is the senior House members who prevail when a Senate-House conference committee reconciles measures passed by both houses.

To head off the possibility of a delay by the conference committee, some House Democrats who favor an immediate halt to the bombing in Cambodia, were discussing the possibility of offering a motion, possibly next Monday, to instruct the House conferees to accept the stronger antibombing legislation passed by the Senate.

Such a motion, if passed,

would bind the House conferees to accept the Senate version. It would thus be a significant test of the antibombing sentiment in the House.

At the Pentagon senior officials did not comment directly on the Senate vote yesterday, but one official said that if the cut-off of funds for the bombing became law, "we'll obey the law." The official said that bombing raids over Cambodia continued today but at the reduced rate disclosed earlier this week.

Mr. Mahon said in a telephone interview that he did not know when Senate-House conferees would meet next week. "Of course I shall support the house version," he said.

Senate Added Section

The House measure, passed May 10, denied the authority sought by the Defense Department to transfer funds between Pentagon accounts to continue the bombing and prohibited the use for combat activities in Cambodia of any funds in the pending supplemental appropriations bill, which supplies money for various Federal departments through the end of the current fiscal year, ending June 30.

The Senate accepted these House restrictions and added a new section forbidding the use of any funds in the pending bill, as well as any funds "heretofore appropriated under any other act," to support directly or indirectly combat activities in or over Cambodia or Laos.

Mr. Mahon said that Congress had given the Nixon Administration and its predecessor

"six or seven years to get a cease-fire" in Vietnam. "We've given them less than four months to get a cease-fire in Cambodia," he added. "I'm willing to give the Administration a little more time. I feel the House version does give the Administration a little flexibility."

Supporters of the Nixon Administration in Congress have sought to delay any final Congressional action to legislate a halt to the bombing until after Henry A. Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's adviser on national security, begins a new round of negotiations in Paris starting next Wednesday with Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief negotiator.

At the State Department today a spokesman, Paul J. Hare, reiterated a departmental statement saying that a cut-off could impair the United States negotiating position with North Vietnam.

Supporters of the cut-off of funds for bombing contend that it would be difficult for Mr. Nixon to veto the measure because it also contains funds to keep the various Federal departments operating through June 30.

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