

Fulbright Warns On Cambodia Move

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday that the Nixon Administration is barred from supporting any new South Vietnamese troop movement into Cambodia to relieve the pressure on the capital of Phnom Penh.

In a statement in the Congressional Record, Fulbright (D-Ark.) cited a 1970 law, which has been carried in every defense appropriations act since then, barring Pentagon funds "to support Vietnamese or other free-world forces in actions designed to provide military support and assistance to the government of Cambodia or Laos."

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"This means that if South Vietnamese forces go into Cambodia, they cannot expect the United States to foot the bill," the Arkansas Democrat said.

Secretary of Defense Elliot L. Richardson said Thursday that the presence of North Vietnamese troops in Cambodia in violation of the Jan. 27 Indochina cease-fire agreement gives South Vietnam "a basis for

retaliatory, self-protective action."

Meanwhile, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's two top investigators have completed a week in Cambodia in an attempt to get information independent of the administration.

The committee confirmed yesterday that James Lowenstein and Richard Moose are in Saigon after their

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week in Phnom Penh and plan also to go to Vientiane, Laos.

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An aide said the committee had received reports from them but declined to disclose their contents.

Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) returned to the United States from a southeast Asian visit that included trips to Cambodia, Laos and south Vietnam. He failed to win entry to North Vietnam.

Brooke, on the way to Washington yesterday from San Francisco, is ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee's foreign operations subcommittee. Recently revamped, it includes several long-time Vietnam war critics likely to look with skepticism at new aid requests for Cambodia.