

Fulbright on
Bombing in
Cambodia

Washington --Chair-
man William J. Fulbright
of the Senate Foreign
Relations Committee said
yesterday that Congress is
virtually powerless now to
keep the administration
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uing heavy U.S. bombing in
Cambodia.

"There is nothing we can
do directly or immediately,"
said Fulbright, an Arkansas
Democrat and leading critic
of U.S. military involvement
in Southeast Asia.

"A cutoff of funds would
not have an immediate ef-
fect, but it would in the long
run," the senator said, add-
ing however that even if
President Nixon "decided to
bomb Burma tomorrow, I
don't know how we could
stop him."

QUESTION

Asked whether adminis-
tration officials had given
the foreign relations com-
mittee a briefing on the cur-
rent situation in Cambodia
or conditions in Indochina,
generally, since the Vietnam
cease-fire agreements took
effect late in January, Ful-
bright replied tersely: "No,
it has not."

He made the comments on
the CBS television program
"Face the Nation."

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Despite his concern over
Cambodia, Fulbright said he
considers peace in the Mid-
dle East the top priority in
U.S. foreign policy.

He urged the administra-
tion to take a strong stand to
persuade Israel to reach a
peace settlement and
blamed his Senate col-
leagues for hampering ef-
forts toward an agreement.

Describing recent Arab-
Israel violence in the Middle
East as a dangerous devel-
opment, Fulbright said:
"There's only one way I can
see to stop it, for the U.S. to
take a very strong stand

that this has to be politically
settled."

He said the all-out support
of Israel in the U.S. Senate
had made it difficult for the
administration to get a set-
tlement.

Fulbright said the U.S.
had leverage with Israel in
that it supplied it with major
aid.

But he added: "We don't