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Conferees Ban Extra Viet Aid

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Senate and House conferees agreed yesterday to prohibit \$266 million in supplemental military aid to South Vietnam.

The agreement was reached in a conference adjusting House and Senate differences in a supplemental military procurement authorization bill for the remaining six weeks of fiscal year 1974.

Conferees of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees agreed to retain the \$1.126 billion ceiling imposed last year on South Vietnam military assistance for fiscal 1974. The administration had asked that the ceiling be raised to \$1.6 billion.

Although striking the language from the bill, the con-

fererees agreed to a statement supporting the intent of an amendment by Senate Edward M. Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.), banning a suggested bookkeeping adjustment that would make \$266 million more for South Vietnam available immediately.

The conference agreement would authorize \$769 million in supplemental appropriations for military procurement, research and construction for the current fiscal year. The Pentagon had asked \$1.25 billion.

Included in the compromise bill was \$24.8 million for longlead time components for two Trident submarines to be constructed during the coming year.

The compromise bill is subject to final approval in the House and Senate.

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