

Vietnam

Withdrawal Deadline Fails By 55 to 39

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The Senate, winding up an extended debate, today defeated the McGovern-Hatfield proposal to end U.S. military operations in Vietnam by the end of next year.

The vote was 55 to 39.

Sponsors of the "end the war" amendment called the vote a "moral victory," but supporters of Nixon administration policies sharply rejected such a view.

Sen. Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, assistant Senate GOP leader, called such an assertion "ridiculous."

"It is, and ought to be, portrayed as a vote of confidence for President Nixon and his policy of bringing our involvement in Vietnam to an end on an orderly basis," he said.

"That vote keeps his (Nixon's) power from being impaired but it leaves the responsibility with him too," said Sen. John C. Stennis, chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Two Dozen Cosponsors

The proposal was advanced by Sens. George McGovern, D-S.D., Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., and some two dozen cosponsors.

McGovern said he was "disappointed" that it received less than 40 votes. But he called it "significant" that more than a third of the 100 senators "voted to cut off funds when we're in battle."

"We had a moral victory," said Hatfield. "The battle is not over."

Specifically, the amendment would have set a 280,000-man limit on U.S. forces in Vietnam after April 30, 1971, and restricted use of funds after that date to activities linked to full withdrawal of U.S. forces by Dec. 31, 1971.

In an effort to gain support, an escape clause was included to extend the final deadline for 60 days if meeting the Dec. 31 date endangered U.S. forces.

Breakdown of Vote

In the roll call, 32 Democrats and 7 Republicans backed the McGovern-Hatfield proposal, while 21 Democrats and 34 Republicans voted against it.

Both Sens. John Sherman Cooper, R-Ky., and George Aiken, R-Vt., whose votes the sponsors had hoped might start a chain reaction for the amendment, ended up voting against it.

Cooper said he thought negotiations on the war would have a better chance without the amendment and Aiken rejected the idea that Congress could fix a specific date for final withdrawal of U.S. forces.

From this area, Senators Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., and Joseph D. Tydings, D-Md., supported the amendment. Sens. Harry F. Byrd Jr. and William

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B. Spong, both D-Va., voted against it.

At a press conference after the vote, Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., said perhaps seven or eight more senators were sympathetic with the amendment's aim but had shied away from a confrontation with the President.

"Unless the administration acts to set a firm and public timetable for withdrawal the amendment will be brought to a vote in the coming session of Congress," Sen. Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., said in a statement.

In preparation for the vote today, the Senate devoted five

hours of debate yesterday to the proposal, capping weeks of discussion and public debate.

Facing Other Issues

The "end-the-war" amendment was one of a number of issues facing senators as they pressed to complete action on the \$19.2 billion military procurement authorization bill to clear the decks for a Labor Day recess.

In other actions, the Senate:

1. Defeated, 71 to 22, a proposal by Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., to bar the sending of draftees to Vietnam unless they volunteered for this duty or voluntarily extended their military service after having been inducted into the armed forces.

Proxmire maintained that draftees bear "an unfair burden of the fighting and dying in Vietnam," but Stennis argued that the effect of approving the proposal "would be to stop effective military operations" in the war.

2. Was to vote on an amendment offered by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, that would divide a big \$2.1 billion contract for 30 new destroyers between two ship building firms.

The business had gone to Litton Systems, Inc. at Pascagoula, Miss., in Stennis' home state, but Muskie wants a Bath, Maine firm to share in the project.

Special Program

3. Faced a vote on a proposal by Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, to delay funds in the military spending bill for arms for Israel until a decision is reached on related legislation tied up in a House-Senate conference committee.

On the eve of the main vote on the McGovern-Hatfield amendment, McGovern and Fulbright gave their views on a special television program

broadcast by National Broadcasting Co. last night.

McGovern said approval of the amendment would "serve notice on the Saigon generals that we are definitely coming home at a set time."

"The longer we stay in Vietnam, the more we play into the hands of the Communists and weaken our own society," he said.

Fulbright called the war in Indochina "a bad investment" of U.S. resources. "We can not be both the policemen and the nursemaid of the world and a flourishing democracy at home."

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., a strong supporter of administration policies in the Senate, had asked NBC to include senators holding these views on the program, but the network rejected his request.

Roll Call Vote On Amendment

By the Associated Press

Here is the 55-39 roll call vote by which the Senate today defeated the McGovern-Hatfield amendment.

For the Amendment (39)

Democrats For (32)

BAYH, Ind.	McGOVERN, S.D.
BURDICK, N.D.	MCINTYRE, N.H.
CHURCH, Idaho	METCALF, Mont.
CRANSTON, Calif.	MONDALE, Minn.
EAGLETON, Mo.	MONTOYA, N.M.
FULBRIGHT, Ark.	MUSKIE, Maine
GRAVEL, Alaska	NELSON, Wis.
HARRIS, Okla.	PASTORE, R.I.
HART, Mich.	PELL, R.I.
HARTKE, Ind.	PROXMIRE, Wis.
HUGHES, Iowa	RIBICOFF, Conn.
INGUYE, Hawaii	SYMINGTON, Mo.
KENNEDY, Mass.	TYDINGS, Md.
MAGNUSON, Wash.	WILLIAMS, N.J.
MANFIELD, Mont.	YARBOROUGH, Tex.
MCCARTHY, Minn.	YARBOROUGH, Ohio

Republicans For (7)

BROOKE, Mass.	JAVITS, N.Y.
CASE, N.J.	MATHIAS, Md.
GOODPELL, N.Y.	SCHWEIKER, Pa.
HATFIELD, Ore.	

Against the Amendment (55)

Democrats Against (21)

ALLEN, Ala.	JACKSON, Wash.
BIBBE, Nev.	JORDAN, N.C.
BYRD, Va.	MCLELLAN, Ark.
BYRD, W.Va.	MCCEE, Wyo.
DODD, Conn.	RANDOLPH, W.Va.
EASTLAND, Miss.	RUSSELL, Ga.
ELLENDER, La.	SPARKMAN, Ala.
ERVIN, N.C.	SPONG, Va.
GORE, Tenn.	STENNIS, Miss.
HOLLAND, Fla.	TALMADGE, Ga.
HOLLINGS, S.C.	

Republicans Against (34)

AIKEN, Vt.	HANSEN, Wyo.
ALLOTT, Colo.	HRUSKA, Neb.
BAKER, Tenn.	JORDAN, Idaho
BELLMON, Okla.	MILLER, Iowa
BENNETT, Utah	MURPHY, Calif.
BOGGS, Del.	PEARSON, Kan.
COOK, Ky.	PERCY, Ill.
COOPER, Ky.	PROUTY, Vt.
COTTON, N.H.	SAXBE, Ohio
CURTIS, Neb.	SCOTT, Pa.
DOLE, Kan.	SMITH, Maine
DOMINICK, Colo.	SMITH, Ill.
FANNIN, Ariz.	STEVENS, Alaska
FONG, Hawaii	THURMOND, S.C.
GOLDWATER, Ariz.	TOWER, Tex.
GRIFFIN, Mich.	WILLIAMS, Del.
GURNEY, Fla.	YOUNG, N.D.

Not voting but announced as paired (pairs are used to denote the opposing positions of senators when one or both are absent): Moss, D-Utah, for; Long, D-La., against. Not voting or paired but announced as against the amendment: Ford, D-Mich.; Mundt, R-S.D., Pa.; Anderson, D-N.M., was not present.