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MIDEAST RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON (AP)-HOUSE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DEPLORING THE OUTBREAK OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AND URGING BOTH SIDES TO GO BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL

POSITIONS WAS BLOCKED TODAY BY REP. H. R. GROSS, R-IOWA.

GROSS OBJECTED THAT THE RESOLUTION FAVORED ISRAEL BY NOT CALLING FOR IT TO GIVE UP THE TERRITORY IT TOOK FROM THE ARABS IN THE 1967 WAR.

UNDER THE PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION A SINGLE OBJECTION PREVENTED THE HOUSE FROM CONSIDERING THE RESOLUTION. LEADERS BEGAN WORKING ON DIFFERENT PROCEDURES TO BRING IT UP PROMPTLY.

THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MONDAY THE RESOLUTION, WHICH SUPPORTS THE POSITION TAKED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

GROSS SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT THE ONE-PARAGRAPH RESOLUTION IF THERE WAS A DELETION OF THE WORDS "AND A RETURN TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO LINES AND POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY THEM PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF CURRENT HOSTILITIES."

REP. GERALD FORD, R-MICH., THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, SAID THE AIM OF THE RESOLUTION WAS TO URGE A CEASE-FIRE. ONCE THAT WAS ACHIEVED, FORD SAID, THE MATTER OF BOUNDARIES COULD BE NEGOTIATED.

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