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THE TEXT OF THE MCGOVERN-HATFIELD AMENDMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

On page , line , insert the following: Sec . (a) Unless the Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended in Vietnam after December 31, 1970; for any purpose arising from military conflict: Provided, That funds may be expended as required for the safe and systematic withdrawal of all United States military personnel, the termination of United States military operations, the provision of assistance to South Vietnam in amounts and for purposes specifically authorized by the Congress, the exchange of prisoners, and the arrangement of asylum for Vietnamese who might be physically endangered by the withdrawal of United States forces: And provided further, That the withdrawal of all United States military personnel from Vietnam shall be completed no later than June 30, 1971, unless the Congress, by joint resolution, approves a finding by the President that an additional stated period of time is required to insure the safety of such personnel during withdrawal process.

(b) Unless Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended after December 31, 1970, to furnish to Laos any military advisers, or to support military operations by the forces of the United States or any other country in or over Laos.

(c) Unless the Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to the Act or any other law shall be expended, after thirty days after the date of enactment of this Act, to furnish to Cambodia any defense article or any military assistance or military advisers, or to support military operations by the forces of the United States or any other country in or over Cambodia.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the term "defense article" shall have the same meaning given such term under Section 644 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Please note that this amendment provides specifically for the safe and systematic withdrawal of our forces, for the exchanges of prisoners, for asylum for those Vietnamese who might feel threatened by the withdrawal of American forces and note also that it specifically provides that if the President and the Congress jointly find that more than a year's time is needed to withdraw our forces systematically and safely, the withdrawal time can be provided by joint declaration of the Congress and the President.

What is wrong with giving Congress some right to work with the President in making a declaration as to the commitment of American forces in foreign countries? Is that not what the Constitution is all about? This amendment is a formula for saving American lives and American honor. It is a formula for restoring constitutional government. It was drafted by Senators, most of whom have fought for their country in previous wars.



ADDITIONAL COSPONSOR OF AN AMENDMENT

NO. 609

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, at the next printing, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. MANSFIELD) be added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 609 to H.R. 17123, to authorize appropriations during the fiscal year 1971 for procurement of aircraft, missiles, naval vessels, and tracked combat vehicles, and other weapons, and research, development test, and evaluation for the Armed Forces, and to prescribe the authorized personnel strength of the Selected Reserve of each Reserve component of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRANSTON). Without objection, it is so ordered.