

Congress Limits Powers Despite Veto

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress ended President Nixon a major

defeat Wednesday by enacting its law over his veto its historic bill to curb presidents' war powers.

The 60-day limit on presidents' power to commit U. S. combat troops abroad without Congress' approval became law immediately when the Senate overrode the veto.

The Senate vote was 75 to 18, or 13 more than required. The House overrode the veto hours earlier 284 to 135, four more than two-thirds needed.

The war powers bill was opposed on the final vote by a coalition

of President Nixon's supporters and antiwar congressmen who contended it would grant presidents new power to wage war up to 60 days without congressional approval.

Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, D-Mo., called the bill "blank-check authority to carry us into war" and said Nixon could use it immediately if he wanted to send U.S. combat troops into the Middle East.

But Senate Armed Services Chairman John C. Stennis, D-Miss., and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., said the bill was never intended to restrict presidents' war powers but instead require that Congress share the burden of committing Americans to war.

Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., urged that the Senate get "not so caught up in the hysteria of Watergate" as to enact the war powers bill "to kick the President while he is down."

Congress' override of the President's veto was its first in nine tries this year and the fifth since Nixon became President.

After the House vote, President Nixon issued a statement saying it "seriously undermines this nation's ability to act decisively and convincingly in times of international crisis."

The confidence of American allies could be diminished, he said, and "our potential adversaries may be encouraged to engage in future acts of international mischief . . ."

Inspired by the Vietnam war, the bill was intended to prevent the United States from becoming involved in such a conflict without Congress' specific approval. Many congressmen switched from their traditional positions.

Nixon vetoed the bill two weeks ago, calling its curbs on presidential war powers "both unconstitutional and dangerous."

He particularly criticized two sections:

The first requires a president to withdraw any U. S. combat forces he commits abroad on his own after 60 days unless Congress votes approval of the commitment by then.

The president, however, could extend that period another 30

days if he told Congress in writing the time was needed to safely withdraw the forces he had committed.

The second provides that Congress can halt the war committing any time during the 60 or 90 days with a simple House-Senate concurrent resolution not subject to a president's veto.



Steve Khoury, Sigma Phi Epsilon President and Emory Ballard, head football coach discuss plans for Saturday's balloon sale. (See story page 7. Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Slayings Called Work of Madman

VICTOR, Calif. (AP)—Two couples, their four children and a friend were found shot to death execution-style Wednesday in a blood-spattered house in this tiny vineyard settlement.

"It's a shocking sight. It looks like the work of a madman," San Joaquin County Sheriff Michael N. Canliss said of the Tuesday

night carnage in the new ranch-style home. All the victims were shot in the head.

Authorities theorized the victims had been ambushed by men who later ransacked the grocery store of one of the victims, Walter Parkin, 33. Parkin was owner of the rambling \$60,000 home, 30 miles south of Sacramento.

Two children were shot to death on a bed. Parkin and six other victims, gagged and bound, were stuffed into a 6-by-8-foot walk-in closet in the master bedroom, police said.

The other victims were tentatively identified as Parkin's wife, Joanne, 31; their daughter, Lisa, 11; their son, Bob, 9; Richard A. Earl, an accountant and neighbor from Victor; his wife, Wanda, in her 30s; their son Ricky, 15; their daughter, Debbie, 18; and Mark Lang, 20, identified as Debbie Earl's boyfriend.

The Earls and the Parkins apparently went out together for the evening, leaving Debbie behind to baby sit for their children, police said.

The grisly discovery was made Wednesday morning by Carol Jenkins, 18, a roomer at the Parkin home who was out on a date Tuesday night.

Deputies said Parkin's store, the United Market, had been unlocked and ransacked and an undetermined amount of cash taken from the safe.

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APO Project Chairman Eric Baddour noted that users of the service may make a contribution to the national service fraternity chapter or to the Campus Chest drive.

The booth, located near the post office on the first floor of the new Memorial Student Center, will be open from 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. The Aggies-Mustang game kicks off at 1:30 p. m.

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