

Americans question bombing Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opposition to bombing Iraq is gaining ground as Congress struggles over how far it should go in supporting military action. Catholics and Protestants, former military and intelligence officers, longtime anti-war groups and Arab Americans say air attacks would do little more than kill Iraqis.

Opponents are scattered across the political spectrum. Some insist the bombing would not go far enough, including conservative Republicans on Capitol Hill who believe the ultimate goal should be to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

Others fear a U.S. attack would go too far, killing thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians, destroying Mideast peace efforts, and bypassing Congress in making war on another nation — all to punish the Iraqi president.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., one

of the capital's most respected foreign affairs voices, said he backs Clinton's Iraqi policy but doesn't think force would diminish the threat of Iraq's weapons or its ability to threaten its neighbors.

"The administration, I think, has a very heavy responsibility now to articulate with very great precision what our purposes are in Iraq," Hamilton told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who trooped to Capitol Hill nearly every day last week to talk about Iraq.

To bolster support, President Clinton plans a speech Tuesday at the Pentagon to make the case for why the United States may launch air strikes on suspected chemical, biological and nuclear weapons making sites in Iraq, which Saddam has ruled off limits to U.N. inspectors. His foreign policy team, in-

cluding Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, will hold town hall meetings this week in Ohio and Tennessee, too.

The one thing bombing opponents and proponents have in common with Clinton is abhorrence of Saddam, who had agreed after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to allow U.N. inspections to ensure he didn't rebuild his nonconventional war machine.

Those feelings initially translated into strong congressional support for Clinton. But support wavered last week, with Republicans and Democrats raising questions about what an airstrike could accomplish and at what cost. A supportive resolution was put off until Congress returns from a break next week.

A few members of Congress strongly oppose Clinton's Iraq policy,

States raising test standards for would-be teachers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Virginia's governor, James S. Gilmore, meant to shock his audience this month when he reported that as many as one-third of would-be teachers in the state flunked a national test of basic reading, writing and mathematics.

If it was bad news for Virginia, it was worse for the nation. Virginia has the country's highest cutoff score for the Praxis I, used in 20 states to screen teacher college candidates and beginning teachers.

Scarcely more than half the students who took the test nationwide would have made the Virginia cut.

"Virginia students would be doing much better than the national average," said Charlotte Solomon, in charge of the Praxis examinations for the Educational Testing Service, a private company that supplies the tests to states. "It begs the question of whether it's good enough."

Around the country, state education officials are asking whether tests of general knowledge and of specific subjects are rigorous enough to ensure that able people become teachers.

The issue has risen in importance because of widespread efforts to raise standards for what children

should know and be able to do.

Last October in New Hampshire, the board of education voted to adopt Praxis I starting this fall after years of opening the profession to anyone with a college teaching degree who could find work.

Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen vetoed legislation that would have required the tests for teachers who already have jobs.

Some 35 states use Praxis I or more advanced tests in the Praxis series used to certify graduates for general knowledge, professional skills and subject knowledge. Some states have their own tests.

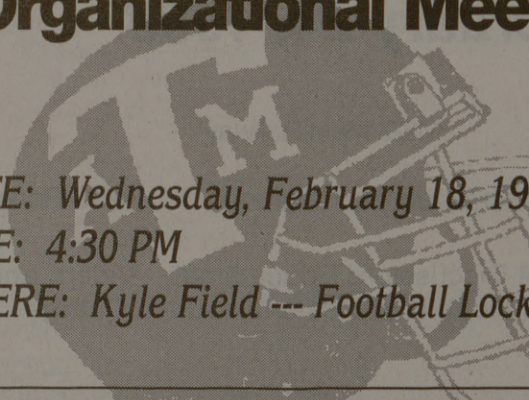
Explanations vary on why scores are low, but pay tops the list.

"It clearly holds back who it is that's entering the profession," said Gordon M. Ambach, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Teaching has become less attractive for women and minorities since barriers to other, more lucrative and prestigious jobs have been lowered.

Education officials also point out that not everyone with low test scores goes on to teach or even earn an education degree.

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