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GOP falls short 1 vote on 'Star Wars'

Senate Republicans fail to push through bill to hurry development of national missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — By a single vote, Senate Republicans failed Wednesday in their effort to speed work on a national missile defense system. The narrow victory for the Clinton administration came despite GOP warnings that instability in Russia and missile tests by North Korea are posing new security risks.

The 59-41 vote was one short of the 60 needed to overcome Democratic delaying tactics. It was identical to a May 13 roll call.

The legislation would order implementation of a national missile defense system as soon as it is technologically feasible.

A similar version is likely to be debated in the House later this month, where it is expected to win approval. House Speaker Newt Gingrich reiterated his support for the bill.

The legislation embraces a scaled-down version of the space-

based defense shield that President Reagan proposed in 1983 and which Democrats have long derided as "Star Wars."

The existing Pentagon program provides for three years of lead time once a potential threat has been identified.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made a vigorous plea on the eve of Wednesday's vote for the measure's rejection — opposition both sides suggested was a factor in helping to keep it bottled up.

All 55 Senate Republicans voted for the legislation. Four Democrats joined the GOP in support of the program, the same ones who voted for it in May: Sens. Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel Inouye of

Hawaii, Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has made the bill a top item on his 1998 agenda, and Republicans view the measure as a good issue for the upcoming midterm congressional elections.

"We are putting (the nation's) security at risk under the current policy," Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., chief sponsor of the bill, said. And Senate Armed Services Committee Chair Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., asked, "Can we afford not to do this?"

Cochran and other GOP sponsors cited recent nuclear tests by North Korea and Iran, and the political instability in Russia, as lending new urgency to passing such a program.

Critics of a national missile defense system say \$50 billion has

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Clinton releases \$20 million for Kos

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton released \$20 million in aid for refugees in violence-torn Kosovo on Wednesday, but a State Department official said no amount of aid will help unless the Serbian government allows secure access to the area.

The aid announcement came as NATO's Southern European commander said the alliance would need about 50,000 troops if it has to monitor a peace agreement in the province whose ethnic Albanian majority seeks independence from Serbia.

White House officials with Clinton in Orlando, Fla., announced that the \$20 million in aid comes from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance fund, which the president may draw upon.

An estimated 265,000 refugees have been

displaced due to Serb attacks on Kosovar Albanian villages, and Western government and private groups fear thousands could die without assistance.

The money, added to an earlier contribution of \$11 million, will go to U.N. and private agencies providing food and shelter for refugees in the province, the White House said. The United Nations is seeking \$54 million worldwide to help avert a humanitarian crisis in Kosovo.

Julia V. Taft, assistant secretary of state for refugee and migration affairs, said none of the funding would go to Serb authorities, blamed by U.S. officials for the flight of refugees into mountainous areas and hindering relief efforts.

"No amount of aid is going to be ... able to avert this catastrophe unless the authori-

ties pull back and allow access

Taft told reporters

province: "An area which has

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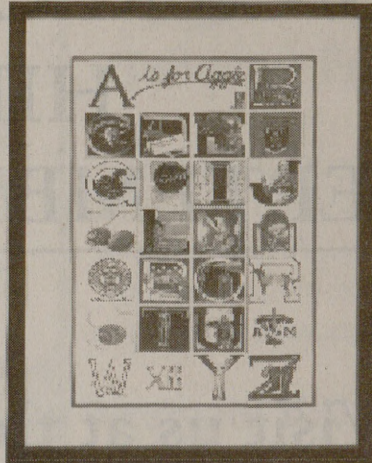
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