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266 million in "misaid dollars" in programs for Vietnam veterans, Indian health services or in rural housing programs.

It is obvious, Mr. President, that these funds have not been spent, primarily because they were not needed in the first place. I believe that now that the money has been found, rather than turning the money over to the Thieu treasury, it ought to be put back in the U.S. treasury where it belongs.

If the Pentagon cannot find anything better to do with the funds than to give it to General Thieu, we ought to save it or use it on programs here at home.

Mr. McGEE. Mr. President, I would have to oppose the amendment being offered to cut \$266 million from the Department of Defense's military assistance service funded program.

I oppose the amendment because the \$266 million does not violate the MASF ceiling authorized and appropriated by the Congress. The MASF obligations reported in the first quarter of fiscal year 1974 include \$266 million for payback ammunition for U.S. inventories. This ammunition replaced that which was paid for with moneys authorized in prior years and was, in fact, delivered to South Vietnam in 1972 and 1973.

If, indeed, there had been a violation of law, I would have to support the amendment striking \$266 million from the Department of Defense's MASF program. However, the case for such a violation has not been made.

In addition, today's tenuous balance of forces in South Vietnam must be maintained to lead the North Vietnamese and Vietcong to the recognition that their objectives are better served through peaceful political means than through force of arms. This is being impaired by a reduction in purchasing power to provide the South Vietnamese with the capability for self-defense. This reduction in purchasing power is the result of international economic events which were unforeseen last year when the Congress considered the MASF request.

The South Vietnamese Government is facing dramatically increased fuel prices. Inflation of about 65 percent in Vietnam and significant equipment price increases in the United States have reduced the purchasing power of the funds available under the current ceiling.

Denial of the \$266 million adjustment recommended by the Senate Armed Services Committee would certainly create grave problems for South Vietnam.

In conclusion, I would reemphasize that had an actual violation of law occurred, I would have to support this amendment. However, the \$266 million would not break the congressionally-imposed ceiling of \$1.126 billion for the MASF program.

The VICE PRESIDENT. All time on the amendment has expired.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I move to lay on the table the amendment of the Senator from Massachusetts, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 1238) of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY). On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. WEICKER (after having voted in the negative). Mr. President, on this vote I have a pair with the distinguished minority leader, the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. HUGH SCOTT). If he were present and voting, he would vote "yea." If I were at liberty to vote, I would vote "nay." Therefore, I withdraw my vote.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. I announce that the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Texas (Mr. BENTSON), the Senator from Florida (Mr. CHILES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CHURCH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. ERVIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. FULBRIGHT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. GRAVEL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. HARTKE), the Senator from Maine (Mr. HATHAWAY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. METCALF), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. METZENBAUM), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SPARKMAN) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. GRAVEL), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. METZENBAUM) would vote "nay."

Mr. GRIFFIN. I announce that the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. HANSEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. PACKWOOD), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. HUGH SCOTT), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. TAFT) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FANNIN) is absent on official business.

The result was announced—yeas 39, nays 41, as follows:

[No. 179 Leg.]

YEAS—39

Allen	Domenici	McGee
Allen	Dominick	McIntyre
Baker	Eastland	Nunn
Bartlett	Fong	Roth
Beall	Goldwater	Scott,
Bellmon	Griffin	William L.
Brock	Gurney	Stafford
Buckley	Helms	Stennis
Byrd,	Hollings	Stevens
Harry F., Jr.	Hruska	Talmadge
Cannon	Jackson	Thurmond
Cotton	Johnston	Tower
Curtis	McClellan	Young
Dole	McClure	

NAYS—41

Abourezk	Huddleston	Nelson
Bible	Hughes	Pastore
Biden	Humphrey	Pearson
Brooke	Inouye	Pell
Burdick	Javits	Percy
Byrd, Robert C.	Kennedy	Proxmire
Case	Magnuson	Randolph
Clerk	Mansfield	Ribicoff
Cook	Mathias	Schweiker
Cranston	McGovern	Stevenson
Eagleton	Mondale	Symington
Hart	Montoya	Tunney
Haskell	Moss	Williams
Hatfield	Muskie	

PRESENT AND GIVING A LIVE PAIR, AS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED—1

Weicker, against

NOT VOTING—19

Bayh	Fulbright	Metzenbaum
Bennett	Gravel	Packwood
Bentsen	Hansen	Scott, Hugh
Chiles	Hartke	Sparkman
Church	Hathaway	Taft
Ervin	Long	
Fannin	Metcalf	

So the motion to lay on the table was rejected.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question recurs on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY).

On this question the yeas and nays have been ordered and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. I announce that the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Texas (Mr. BENTSON), the Senator from Florida (Mr. CHILES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CHURCH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. ERVIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. FULBRIGHT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. GRAVEL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. HARTKE), the Senator from Maine (Mr. HATHAWAY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. LONG), the Senator from Montana (Mr. METCALF), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. METZENBAUM), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SPARKMAN) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. GRAVEL) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. METZENBAUM) would each vote "yea."

Mr. GRIFFIN. I announce that the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. HANSEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. PACKWOOD), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. HUGH SCOTT), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. TAFT) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FANNIN) is absent on official business.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Ohio (Mr. TAFT) would vote "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 43, nays 38, as follows:

[No. 180 Leg.]

YEAS—43

Abourezk	Hughes	Pearson
Bible	Humphrey	Pell
Biden	Inouye	Percy
Brooke	Javits	Proxmire
Burdick	Kennedy	Randolph
Byrd, Robert C.	Magnuson	Ribicoff
Case	Mansfield	Schweiker
Clark	Mathias	Stafford
Cook	McGovern	Stevenson
Cranston	Mondale	Symington
Eagleton	Montoya	Tunney
Hart	Moss	Weicker
Haskell	Muskie	Williams
Hatfield	Nelson	
Huddleston	Pastore	

NAYS—38

Allen	Domenici	McGee
Allen	Dominick	McIntyre
Baker	Eastland	Nunn
Bartlett	Fong	Roth
Beall	Goldwater	Scott,
Bellmon	Griffin	William L.
Brock	Gurney	Stennis
Buckley	Helms	Stevens
Byrd,	Hollings	Talmadge
Harry F., Jr.	Hruska	Thurmond
Cannon	Jackson	Tower
Cotton	Johnston	Young
Curtis	McClellan	
Dole	McClure	