



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON S. 1868
AND H. R. 8005 TO RESTORE SANCTIONS

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Pressure for early Senate vote on
S. 1868 is now vital.

House hearings to be on October 5.

Personal visits to members of
Congress needed. Key votes listed.

SENATE

S. 1868 was favorably reported out by unanimous vote of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on September 18th following hearings on September 6th. Senate support for the bill to restore sanctions is growing and we feel relatively certain that a Senate vote will be successful. But Senators Humphrey and McGee are having difficulties pinning Senator Mansfield down on a firm date for a floor vote. We need a vote next week. Delay in the Senate may mean lack of action in the House before adjournment, which is expected to be around Thanksgiving.

PLEASE PRESS SENATOR MANSFIELD TO SCHEDULE A VOTE ON S. 1868 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IMPRESS ON HIM THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF GROUPS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE, THE VOTES ARE THERE FOR A VICTORY AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE TIME AND MOMENTUM IN THE SENATE. Please address telegrams to The Hon. Michael J. Mansfield, Office of the Majority Leader, S 208, Capitol Building, Washington D.C. 20510, or phone (202)225-5556 or-2644.

ONE KEY SENATORIAL VOTE IS THAT OF SCHWEIKER OF PENNSYLVANIA. The stainless steel industry is exerting heavy pressure on him to oppose sanctions. Schweiker discounts pro-sanctions mail he has received and claims he has not really heard from those who care about civil rights or racial justice in Rhodesia. Telegrams, phone calls and visits are needed. Other important Senate votes are: Taft and Saxbe (Ohio), Griffin (Mich.), Roth (Del.), Beall (Md.), Pearson (Kans.), Hollings (S.C.), Cook and Huddleston (Ky.), Nunn and Talmadge (Ga.).

At his confirmation hearings, Henry Kissinger said, "The Administration will support the repeal of the Byrd Amendment." This is the closest we have ever come to White House support for sanctions. White House and State Department should be urged to follow through with active rounding up of votes, particularly in the House.

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HOUSE

Congressmen Diggs and Fraser have scheduled a joint hearing on H.R. 8005 for Friday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m. Witnesses include Rep. John Buchanan, a conservative Republican from Alabama, who has become a strong supporter of sanctions, Anthony Mazzochi of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, Assistant Secretary of State Willis C. Armstrong, E. F. Andrews of the stainless steel industry and Fredrick B. O'Mara of Union Carbide.

While many House members will undoubtedly be waiting for the outcome of the Senate vote to make their final decision on H.R. 8005, we cannot afford to wait. As many groups and individuals as possible should visit, write to or otherwise press House members for a pro-sanctions commitment. While letters are important, they are less effective than personal visits. Try to counter the economic arguments which are being pushed by the stainless steel industry by pointing out that we should expect to pay some small price for racial justice, fair employment practices, free trade unionism (and pollution control) which are required of our domestic ferrochrome producers but not of those in Rhodesia or South Africa. Point out the loss of our influence in the U.N. with African nations because of our open flouting of sanctions.

The most important key representatives include: Thomas Morgan, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee (D. Pa.), Frank Annunzio (D. Ill.), John Dent (D. Pa.), Daniel Flood (D. Pa.), Gerry Ford (R. Mich), Joseph McDade (R. Pa.), John McFall (D. Cal.), Ray Madden (D. Ind.), Robert Molloy (D. W. Va.), William Moorhead (D. Pa.), Carl Perkins (D. Ky.), Dan Rostenkowski (D. Ill.), B.F. Sisk (D. Cal.), Harley Staggers (D. W. Va), Charles Wilson (D. Cal.), Joseph Vigorito (D. Pa.), Gus Yatron (D. Pa.), and Clement Zablocki (D. Wis.). Unless you know for sure that your representative is a co-sponsor, please assume that he is a key vote and needs to hear from you. Please let us know what you hear from your representative. Reports of visits and xeroxes of letters are especially helpful.

We have prepared detailed counter-arguments to the stainless steel allegations and they have been submitted for the record of the Senate and House hearings. We hope to have a capsule version out shortly.

LET'S KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM. THINGS LOOK GOOD BUT DELAYS COULD MEAN TROUBLE. THE HOUSE STILL NEEDS STRONG WORK IN OCTOBER.

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