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Congress grants authority to go to war against Iraq

Senate vote close to back president

By Adam Clymer

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WASHINGTON — After three days of solemn, often eloquent debate, Congress yesterday voted President Bush the authority to go to war against Iraq.

The Senate approved the use of military force by a vote of 52 to 47. The majority included 42 Republicans and 10 Democrats, mostly Southerners who were convinced that economic sanctions would not force Iraq

from Kuwait or who were unwilling to vote against the president. Two Republicans joined 45 Democrats in opposing force.

In the House, the vote was a more comfortable 250 to 183, as 184 Republicans and 66 Democrats voted for force, while 173 Democrats, three Republicans, and one independent were opposed.

The measure, the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution, said that Bush was authorized "to use United States armed forces pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 678," which authorized member nations to use "all necessary means" against Iraq if it did not withdraw from Kuwait by midnight Tuesday, 12:01.

Bush asked Congress for this declaration last Tuesday.

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Bush still hopes for peaceful end

By Rita Beamish

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WASHINGTON — President Bush, freshly armed with congressional support for the use of force against Iraq, said yesterday that war could still be avoided in the Persian Gulf if Iraq begins a "massive, rapid withdrawal of its troops from Kuwait" before Tuesday's deadline.

Bush refused to say what action he would take if Saddam Hussein continued to defy withdrawal demands

after the deadline, but said he would be inclined to act "sooner rather than later."

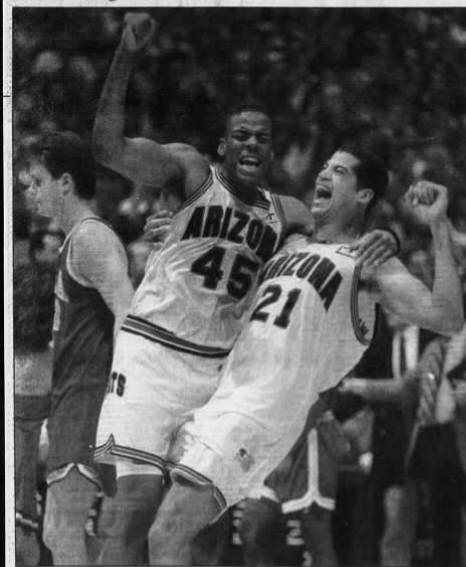
"Let there be no mistake," the president told reporters at the White House after the House and Senate bestowed the war-making authority. "Peace is everyone's goal. Peace is in everyone's prayers. But it is for Iraq to decide."

Bush said the votes — 250-183 in the House and 52-47 in the Senate — sent a clear signal that Iraq "cannot score the Jan. 15 deadline." He said congressional authority for force provided "the best shot for peace" just three days before the deadline.

The president interrupted a weekend at Camp David to return to the White House to make his com-

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Victory dance



Arizona's Sean Rooks (45) and Brian Williams celebrate after the UA's 82-77 Pac-10 basketball victory over UCLA at McKale Center. Rooks scored the winning basket yesterday with four seconds remaining and led all players with 11 rebounds. Sports, Page 1D.

Syria warns Saddam he faces catastrophe

By Barry Schwed

The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian President Hafez Assad urged enemy Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday to quit Kuwait or face a catastrophe. The Syrian foreign minister also cautioned Israel not to intervene in a Persian Gulf war even if attacked.

"We in Syria cannot accept Israeli intervention in this crisis," Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara said after Secretary of State James A. Baker III concluded talks here with Assad.

Shara's statement at a joint news conference with Baker raised questions as to whether the 16,000 Syrian troops in the gulf region would fight against Iraq if Israel is drawn into a war.

Shara, avoiding a direct reply, said the Syrian troops deployed in Saudi Arabia "are there in a defensive posture."

Earlier, Assad had called on Saddam to end his occupation of Kuwait "in order not to enable the enemies of the Arab nation to gain benefit from the present situation."

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Assad, who supported Iran in an eight-year war with Iraq, identified the enemy as Israel in a statement read on Damascus radio while he was meeting with Baker.

The Syrian president said he was appealing to Saddam "because of the danger to Iraq and to the Arab world."

President Bush and Baker have warned Saddam he faces the probability of war if the 500,000 Iraqi troops in Kuwait are not pulled out by midnight Tuesday. The comments by Assad and his foreign minister came shortly before Congress authorized Bush to proceed with military force to enforce U.N. resolutions calling for Saddam to leave Kuwait.

Assad said Saddam that "he who listens to his brother is not disappointed. I insist on warning you of the real danger." He pledged that Syria would fight alongside Iraq if it were attacked after pulling out of Kuwait.

Asked about Shara's admission to Israel, Baker said, "We do not pretend to dictate to anybody."

But he said, "In the event of an unprovoked attack (on Israel) there will be an appropriate response from a substantial U.S. military force to enforce U.N. resolutions calling for Saddam to leave Kuwait."

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America's peaceable image belies bloodstained history

By Douglas Kruetz

The Arizona Daily Star

The United States is a self-proclaimed peace-loving nation. It also is a nation peevishly, proudly, thoroughly familiar with the bloody business of waging war.

Point this week for combat in the Persian Gulf, American soldiers carry the credentials — and the baggage — of a people who've often fought their half to death in a devastating civil war.

Counting minor conflicts, incursions and a series of "mistakes," such as the invasion of Panama in December 1989, the United States has been involved in some 200 military actions since it warded off its way into existence at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, military historians say.

"Human beings apparently thrive on conflict, and Americans are no exception," said J. Gregory Oswald, adjunct professor of U.S. military history at the University of Arizona.

But the fact that both the com-

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Jim Davis, The Arizona Daily Star

UA Professor J. Gregory Oswald has made a lifelong study of war philosophy virtually dictate that we be involved in the matters of all mankind — and that means we are involved in war," Oswald said.

"We have been involved in at least 200 serious conflicts, of which nine were very decisive. The others include everything from military encounters in South America to little naval engagements around the world."

"It may surprise Americans, who traditionally have regarded them-

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WEATHER



A beauty. Mostly sunny today but with some high clouds. Northwest winds at times from 5 to 15 mph. High in the upper 60s, low near 40. Tomorrow the weather will be about the same. Yesterday's high was 69, and the low 35. Details on Page 17A.

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TEP weighs fiscal options

By Richard Ducote

The Arizona Daily Star

The Tucson Electric Power Co. board of directors held a rare weekend meeting yesterday after top executives of the financially troubled utility briefed state regulators about the consequences of a potential bankruptcy filing.

Spokesmen for both TEP and the Arizona Corporation Commission said the meetings in Phoenix, held Thursday and Friday, were not a sign that a bankruptcy filing is inevitable or imminent.

But the fact that both the com-

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