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MEASURES AGAINST POLAND: CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSALS

1. A MOTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO FORCE THE ADMINISTRATION TO DECLARE POLAND IN DEFAULT OF DEBTS TO THE U.S., WAS DEFEATED YESTERDAY BY 256 TO 152. THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED THE MOTION, AS DID THE LEADERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE. SENATOR MOYNIHAN HAS SUBMITTED A SIMILAR MOTION IN THE SENATE.

2. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, INCLUDING IKLE FROM THE PENTAGON, GAVE TESTIMONY TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES YESTERDAY, ARGUING THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION ON POLISH DEBTS KEPT UP THE PRESSURE ON THE POLES FOR REPAYMENT. IKLE DESCRIBED THE PRESENT LINE AS A PRUDENT APPROACH WHICH LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF CALLING A DEFAULT LATER. OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS NOTED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ALLIES HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED, AND THAT POSSIBLE NEW STEPS TO BLOCK THE GAS PIPELINE WERE STILL UNDER STUDY. OLMER (UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE) STATED THAT A DECISION WAS DUE IN A FEW DAYS ON HOW FAR TO PUSH SANCTIONS AGAINST THE PIPELINE AND TO PREVENT EUROPEAN COMPANIES FROM FULFILLING CURRENT CONTRACTS.

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