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On July 20, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to permit an increase in military aid to El Salvador. Aid to El Salvador was considered as part of an $11.4 billion foreign aid authorization bill for fiscal 1990 that was approved and sent to the Senate floor by a vote of 17 to 0. The committee insisted on limiting military aid at a level below President Bush's $97 million request but agreed to raise the cap from $85 million to $90 million after administration officials and some senators argued it could be misinterpreted as a vote of no confidence in Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani. The cap was approved by a vote of 11 to 8, and the $90 million spending level won approval by voice vote. (Basic data from Washington Post, AP, 07/13/89)

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