

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, with an attack on unemployment as a major goal this election year, today overrode President Ford's veto of a \$3.95-billion public works jobs bill, enacting it into law.

The House then overrode Ford's veto

BA, \$3.3-billion military construction bill.

Final action on the jobs bill came in the House, which overrode Ford's veto by a vote of 310 to 96, or 39 more than the required two-thirds. Fifty seven Republicans joined 253 Democrats in voting to override. Voting to sustain were 15 Democrats and 81 Republicans.

The House vote on the military construction bill was 270 to 131, or two more than the required two-thirds. The bill now goes to the Senate for a consideration of an override attempt. Congress has overridden the President nine times and sustained him 14 times.

The issue on the military construction bill was Ford's objection to a provision strengthening congressional) ability to review Pentagon decisions to close or greatly reduce military installations that are a major source of civilian employment. The President said this was an excessive limitation on his powers.

The Democratic-controlled Congress and the Democratic candidates for president and vice president have made an assault on joblessness a major election-year issue.

The Senate voted 73 to 24 Wednesday to override Ford's veto of the public works bill.

House Majority Leader Thomas O'Neill and other Democratic leaders

had predicted they would have no difficulty winning the jobs bill override.

But O'Neill had not been so confident about overriding Ford's veto of the military construction authorization.

Supporters say the bill will create jobs in the construction industry because it authorizes \$2 billion in grants to state and local government for public works construction projects

that can be started in 90 days.

They say the 90,000 state and local government jobs will be saved by a \$1.25-billion authorization in the bill for antirecession grants to maintain government services in areas with high unemployment.

Democratic leaders, particularly in the House, set creation of more jobs as their major legislative goal at the start of this year.