

Congress asked to intercede in save-fort battle

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Six New Jersey lawmakers on Thursday began an attempt to stay the Defense Department's base-consolidation ax before it falls on Fort Monmouth by introducing bills in both houses of Congress aimed at reversing the closure decision.

In a united front, legisla-

tors from both sides of the aisle introduced four bills — two in the House of Representatives and two companion bills in the Senate.

If passed, the bills would:

■ Ban the movement of Fort Monmouth employees in advance of the 2011 closure deadline, pending the completion of an investigation into the post's closure by the Government Ac-

countability Office.

■ Stop funding for military construction at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., until the GAO's probe

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