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GOP breaks ranks; Ford loses twice

Michigan Republicans broke ranks twice Tuesday as the U.S. House of Representatives headed President Ford two sharp defeats.

The House voted 238 to 113 to override the president's veto of the \$63 billion financing bill for labor, health, welfare and related programs. It also voted 233 to 98 to cut off aid to western-backed factions in strife-torn Angola.

Area Democrats voted solidly against the Ford administration. BIRMINGHAM GOP representatives Marvin Eick of the 2nd District and William Brownfield of the 18th joined Democrats on the Angola issue. The Senate approved it earlier.

They were among four Michigan Republicans who voted for the aid cutoff; three Republicans opposed the cutoff, which a White House spokesman said "can only result in serious harm to the interests of the United States."

Ford can either veto the measure, forcing Congress to reconsider its action, or he can send separate legislation to Capitol Hill dealing directly with the Angola issue. Tuesday's action was on an amendment to a \$113 billion defense appropriation bill.

Opponents generally feared another Vietnam entanglement. And Speaker Carl Albert said the U.S. should not get off and because it is not prepared to match the Soviet and Cuban effort.

Area Democrats voting for the cutoff included James O'Hara of the 12th District, William D. Ford of the 12th, William Brownfield of the 17th and James Blanchard of the 18th.

BROWNFIELD backed the administration veto of the labor and welfare appropriation, but Eick and two other Michigan Republicans voted for the override.

Area Democrats all voted for the override. The margin was 28 greater than the two-thirds majority needed.

The bill was \$1 billion more than Ford had recommended. Republicans pleaded for the veto to be sustained as an indication of Congress' intent to show spending restraint.

The bill will finance a variety of programs with political appeal, including maternal and child health care, research on several major diseases, nutrition programs for the aged, vocational rehabilitation and community services undertakings.

Inflation, crime top issues — GOP chiefs

Inflation, crime and the prevention of cross-district school busing are big issues in the minds of Oakland County Republicans in the 18th Congressional District. Seventy party officers in the district—now represented in Congress by Democrat James Blanchard—responded with all but unanimity on a number of questions in a recent party survey.

A mandatory prison sentence for anyone committing a felony with a gun was favored by 91 per cent and opposed by three per cent. No one was undecided. Capital punishment was favored by 82 per cent as a means of curbing violent crimes. 14 per cent were opposed and four per cent undecided.

And 83 per cent believed full-time college students should be denied food stamps. 10 per cent disagreed and seven per cent were undecided.

THE 18TH DISTRICT includes Troy and the Royal Oak area in eastern Oakland County and Sterling Heights and Warren in Macomb County.

The survey was conducted by Betty J. Suda, issues committee member from the 18th. The GOP no longer writes a platform in Michigan but gets a party consensus on issues.

Area youths circus-bound

About 1,000 area youngsters will see a special showing of the Shrine Circus on Feb. 6 at the Michigan State fairgrounds. The performance is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Boulevard Shrine Club.

Many other local groups have assisted with the project by providing tickets and transportation. They are: Pontiac-Peewee Athletic League, Pontiac Boys Club, First Baptist Church of Davisburg, Holly Cub Scout Pack, Clarkston Cub Scout Pack, Davisburg Rotary, Springfield-Oak Park Employers, Dixie Baptist Church and Oakland County American Revolutionary Bicentennial Committee.

Area persons involved include Judge James E. Lacey, Harold Rose, Carolyn Burns, Judge Gerald McNally and C. Hugh Dohany, Oakland County treasurer.

The children will be bused to the 2 p.m. show. The circus will be Jan. 30 to Feb. 15.

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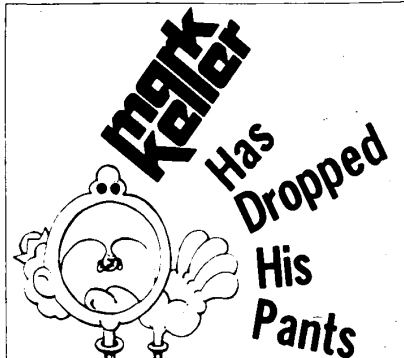
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