

B-1, abortion, utilities spark debate

Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes Dec. 1-7. There were no Senate votes.

B-1—Rejected, 166 for and 191 against, a motion in opposition to the B-1 bomber. The vote endorsed a proposed \$482 million expenditure for B-1 research and development. It occurred during consideration of HR 9375, an appropriations bill. The Senate and President Carter have acted to scuttle the B-1 as the bomber of the future, supporting instead the outfitting of existing bombers with Cruise missiles. The House, however, with this and previous votes has favored keeping the B-1 program marginally alive.

Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.), sponsor of the motion to eliminate the B-1, asked: "Do we want to pour (\$482 million) down the drain, or do we want to save the money?" It is just that simple.

Rep. Thomas Luken (D-Ohio), an opponent of the motion, said: "Continuation of the B-1 program would provide for the needed technical base in the event that alternative systems, such as the Cruise missile, run into difficulty."

Members voting "nay" favored keeping the B-1 program alive.

Roll Call Report

Reps. David Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens), William Brodhead (D-Detroit) and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) voted "yea."

Rep. William Broomfield (R-Birm.) voted "nay."

Reps. William Ford (D-Taylor) and James Blanchard (D-Pleas. Ridge) did not vote.

HEATING BILLS—Approved, 182 for and 181 against, the expenditure of \$200 million this winter to help poor people pay heating bills. The vote, taken during consideration of a fiscal 1978 appropriations bill (HR 9375), put the House and Senate in agreement that the \$200 million should be spent. The so-called Special Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) was begun as a result of the harsh 1976-77 winter.

The federal money would be released to a state or locality when tests of coldness and high fuel costs have been met. An appropriate local or state agency then would defray a poor person's fuel bill by paying a subsidy directly to the individual's fuel supplier.

Rep. Joseph Addabbo (D-N.Y.), a supporter, said: "It is not a luxury to heat one's home—it is a necessity as essential as food or clothing. Congress has not hesitated in the past, and should not now hesitate to assist our low-income citizens obtain the necessities of life, of which they are deprived through no fault of their own."

Rep. Bill Frenzel (R-Minn.), an opponent, said: "We could just as well make payments for medical expenses,

housing, food, or any other necessary purpose. This particular need is no stronger, and there is no special emergency, other than the compulsive enthusiasm of the House leadership to give away the taxpayers' money in random fashion."

Members voting "yea" favored the \$200 million expenditure to help the poor pay their heating bills.

Bonior, Brodhead and Pursell voted "yea." Broomfield voted "nay." Ford and Blanchard did not vote.

ABORTION—Approved, 181 for and 187 against, compromise language permitting federal funding of abortions under the Medicaid program. This broke the six-month-old stalemate between the House and Senate on the issue. It was the 11th House record vote on abortions to have occurred during that period, and came during consideration of a measure (HJ Res 662) funding the departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare. The Senate later concurred with the language and sent the measure to President Carter.

The language permits federal funding of abortions when the mother's life is endangered; the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest that was promptly reported to a law enforcement or public health agency; or two doctors have determined that the mother would suffer severe or long-lasting damage to her physical health if the pregnancy were carried to term.

Members voting "yea" favor federal funding of abortions if one or more of those conditions have been met.

Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Pursell voted "yea." Bonior and Broomfield voted "nay."



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Business grad job market strong

Next year's job market for college graduates looks "good to very good," according to John Shingleton, director of Michigan State University's Placement Services.

Shingleton and L. Patrick Schetz, assistant director, have just completed the seventh annual recruiting trends survey of 416 employers in business, industry and government.

"Employers are optimistic because the economy is looking up and there is a backlog of unfilled jobs in the manpower pipeline," said Shingleton.

The number of employers visiting MSU this year is up 19.2 per cent over last year, which means about 2,200 employers will be recruiting on campus this school year.

"That figure is almost up to our peak year—1959—when about 2,300 employers visited the campus," the placement director added.

Except for the chemical and steel industries, which have leveled off in hiring, most industries are actively seeking college graduates, he said.

"Areas which look particularly good for college grads are public accounting, banking and finance and the food and beverage industry," Shingleton said. "In addition, the electronics, automotive and retailing industries look good, while government opportunities are holding steady."

College graduates who have had co-op, part time or summer work related

to their field will continue to have the edge over students who do not have any work experience, said Shingleton.

Although the employment outlook for college graduates overall is up, the survey reveals that employers think too many people are going into the wrong disciplines.

"The employers are saying that universities could do a better job of advising students of the jobs that are available," Shingleton said.

"Most employers think career counseling is inadequate at most educational institutions and ought to be improved, not only at the college level but at the high school level as well."

According to survey respondents, the best way to enter the job market is business and industry is through the college placement office or through direct contact with the employer.

Shingleton also notes there is a substantial difference in the economic value of degrees.

In a separate study of over 1,800 job offers made to MSU graduates last year, monthly starting salaries for those with bachelor's degrees ranged from a low of \$588 for a student with a degree in music to \$1,385 for 134 graduates with degrees in chemical engineering.

Graduates with bachelor's degrees from the College of Arts and Letters (19) had average monthly starting salaries of \$1,359, while education graduates

(23) received average salaries of \$816 (for a 10-month year). Fifty-six social science and 42 business graduates were offered average starting salaries of \$867, but 92 students with master's of business administration degrees received substantially higher salaries averaging \$1,359 per month.

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