

Riegle, Griffin split on Canal vote

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Mar. 9 through 16.

HOUSE

HUMPHREY-HAWKINS—Rejected, 205 for and 215 against, an amendment requiring the federal budget to be balanced by 1983. It was proposed to the Humphrey-Hawkins bill (HR 50) which would establish a national goal of "full employment" and set up several government policies and programs to achieve that objective. A final vote on HR 50 was imminent.

This amendment sought to add to HR 50 another national economic goal—a balanced federal budget within five years. It was backed by the Republican leadership, the business community and other voices who thought Humphrey-Hawkins put too much emphasis on federal pump-priming to create jobs.

Rep. John M. Ashbrook (R-Ohio), sponsor of the amendment, said that what its opponents "want to do, and let us be honest about it, is to take the important issue of deficit spending and... in effect, pigeonhole it."

Rep. Robert Giarno (D-Conn.), an opponent, called the amendment too "rigid" and said HR 50 must "be directed toward unemployment, inflation, and productivity, a healthy rate of growth in the economy—in short, all of the things that make a balanced budget possible."

Members voting "yea" favored including a balanced budget as a mandatory goal of Humphrey-Hawkins.

Reps. William Broomfield (R-Birmingham) and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) voted "yea."

Reps. David Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens), William Ford (D-Taylor), William Brodhead (D-Detroit) and James Blanchard (D-Pleasant Ridge) voted "nay."

"FLEXITIME"—Failed, 242 for and 141 against, to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill (HR 784) to broaden the use of "flexitime" by federal employees. A two-thirds rather than simple majority approval was required because the bill was brought to the floor under a short-cut parliamentary procedure that prevented the offering of amendments.

Flexitime allows workers to vary the traditional schedule of five eight-hour days. It provides for combinations such as four 10-hour days, so as to give workers more flexibility in their personal lives. HR 784 sought to enable the Civil Service Commission to begin a far-reaching three-year flex-

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time experiment at some agencies and departments.

Rep. Herbert Harris (D-Va.), a supporter, said: "In the working world, we assume an eight-hour, five-day week is somehow fixed in concrete. We must face the fact that the 40-hour week just does not suit everybody; nor is it always necessary. Most of all, it is not sacrosanct."

Rep. Abraham Kazen (D-Tex.), an opponent, said that eventually under flexitime "every federal employee is going to work three or four days a week and the balance of the time will go out in that labor market, which is already highly saturated with unemployment, and get an additional job."

Members voting "nay" opposed flexitime on its merits or because they objected to the short-cut parliamentary procedure under which the bill was considered.

Sen. Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Pursell voted "yea."

Sen. Stewart McKinney (R-Conn.), a committee member and opponent of

ASSASSINATIONS PANEL—Failed, 182 for and 198 against, to cut the budget of the House select committee on assassinations and require the panel's continued existence to be justified at hearings conducted by the House administration committee. After failure of the motion, the House adopted H Res 956, which approved a 1978 budget of \$2.5 million for the committee created to investigate the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and President John F. Kennedy. The committee plans extensive public hearings in the fall and a final report soon thereafter.

Rep. Robert Bauman (R-Md.), sponsor of the motion to curtail the committee, said: "This committee is getting twice the money that the House just authorized the judiciary committee, which has far more current and important activities in which to engage."

Sen. Stewart McKinney (R-Conn.), a committee member and opponent of

the motion, said: "I think we will come back to this House and make the House proud to show that for the first time this body has carried forth an investigation in a professional, quiet manner and an investigation that is second to none in either house of Congress."

Members voting "yea" favored requiring the assassinations committee to justify itself.

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

Broomfield did not vote.

SENATE

PANAMA CANAL—Consented, 68 for and 32 against, to the neutrality treaty, the first of two Panama Canal treaties to be voted on this year by the Senate. A two-thirds majority of those senators present and voting was required to approve the treaty and send it to the President for ratification. House concurrence was not required.

The treaty seeks to guarantee the neutrality of the canal after Dec. 31, 1999, the date on which the U.S. is scheduled to relinquish control if the second canal treaty is ratified. Although the neutrality treaty would keep the canal open to all ships during peacetime and war, it gives the U.S. and Panama the right to defend the canal, and allows U.S. and Panamanian warships to go "to the head of the line" during war.

Sen. Donald Riegle (D) voted "yea." Sen. Griffin (R) voted "nay."

Women invade sports worlds, survey says

Women's participation in outdoor sports is burgeoning at a much higher rate than men's participation, according to a specialist on recreation at Michigan State University.

Daniel Stynes told a symposium at MSU last week that women consistently reported higher rates of trying out recreational activities in a 1977 survey of 3,900 adults in house-holds of America's northeast.

The increase in women's participation was particularly noticeable in boating, fishing, golfing, motorcycling, snowmobiling, downhill skiing and hiking where men have always dominated, he said.

It was not as noticeable in swimming, bicycling, ice skating, recreational vehicle camping and picknick-

ing activities, where women are already as active as men.

Hunting, Stynes said, is the only male-dominated activity in which women are not increasing their rate of participation faster than men.

Women are turning to the fastest-growing recreational activities, such as cross-country skiing, jogging and tennis, at rates much higher than men, Stynes related.

The survey showed that in cross-country skiing 54 per cent of total women participants had adopted the sport in the 1976-77 year, in comparison with 32 per cent of the men, he said.

In jogging, 46 per cent of women participants had begun within the year, and 28 per cent of the men.

In tennis, 34 per cent of women were new, and 23 per cent of men.

"The change has come fast and is

likely to continue," Stynes said. "Recreation planners should note the trend and prepare to accommodate an increasing number of women."

WSU registration

Final registration for the spring quarter at Wayne State University will be held Monday through Thursday, March 27-30, in the Administrative Services Building, Cass and Antioche.

Students who have previously been admitted to the university may register in alphabetical order from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on each of the registration days. The alphabetical order will be waived on Thursday, the last day of registration.

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