

# Peace Corps funding Central African Empire spared

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes April 21 through April 27.

## Roll Call Report

**HOUSE**  
**LOBBYING:** Passed, 259 for and 140 against, a bill to increase public and congressional scrutiny of lobbyists, these groups and individuals who seek to influence the outcome of legislation. The bill (HR 8494), now in the Senate, is the first major attempt to regulate lobbyists since enactment of a loophole-ridden lobbyist-control bill in 1946.

The main thrust of HR 8494 is to require lobbyists to publicly file reports on their activities with the Comptroller General. Such reports would disclose information such as money spent to entertain federal officials and business relationships between lobbyists and federal officials.

Rep. George Danielson, D-Calif., a supporter, said the bill "is designed to give us a law which is workable and which will enable the American people and the members of the Congress to know what type of activity is taking place in the field of lobbying here in the Congress."

Rep. Robert McClary, R-Ill., an opponent, said he liked much of the bill but could not accept its reporting requirement for so-called grass roots lobbying. Such lobbying involves an organization using such techniques as mass-mail to solicit large numbers of citizens to generate pressure on members of Congress.

Members voting "yea" favored passage of the bill.

Reps. David Bonior (D-Pl. Ridge), William Ford (D-Taylor), William Brodhead (D-Detroit), James Blanchard (D-Mt. Pleasant), William Broadfield (R-Birmingham) and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), voted "yea."

**PEACE CORPS:** Rejected, 169 for and 228 against, an amendment to pre-

vent the Peace Corps from operating in the Central African Empire in fiscal 1979. It was proposed to HR 11877, a Peace Corps authorization bill later passed and sent to the Senate.

About \$1.5 million is included in the Peace Corps budget for programs in the Central African Empire. That is the tiny, poor nation that drew worldwide notoriety last December when its leader, Bokassa, crowned himself emperor in ceremonies that cost \$25 million, about one-third of the country's annual budget.

Rep. C.W. Young, R-Fla., the sponsor, said: "I would like to be of aid and assistance to the poor folks in the Central African Empire, but my feeling is if their own country does not have any more concern for them, why should we?"

Rep. Don Pease, D-Ohio, an opponent, said the principle of the Peace Corps "is to help the poorest people within these nations, and indeed, if the head of state is squandering money on his own coronation then it may well be that in that nation, above all, we need... the Peace Corps."

Members voting "yea" favored the amendment.

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

### SENATE

**BUDGET CUTS:** Rejected, 43 for and 46 against, an amendment to cut

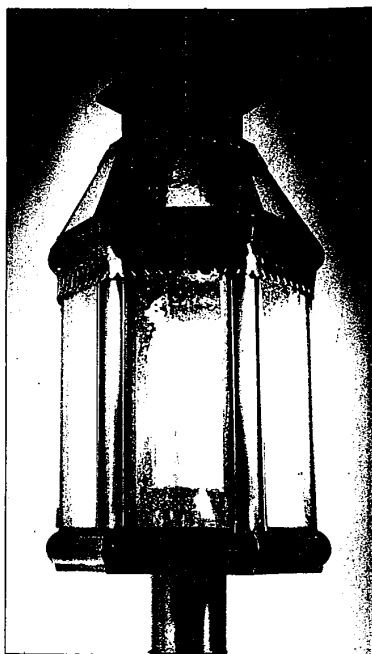
\$5 billion (just less than one per cent) out of the proposed "budget authority" for fiscal 1979. It was proposed to the congressional budget resolution (S Con Res 80), which limits the money Congress can appropriate to run the federal government in fiscal 1979. The resolution later was passed (see vote below) and sent to the House.

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