

# House spares Alaskan wilds

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Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes May 18-24. There were no votes in the Senate because of a filibuster.

**ALASKAN LANDS**—Rejected, 141 for and 251 against, an amendment to reduce by five million acres the Alaskan wilderness to be preserved in its natural state by the federal government. The amendment was proposed to HR 39, later passed and sent to the Senate. The bill puts about 102 million acres in preserves such as the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge, Wild and Scenic River System and the National Wilderness Preservation System. Committee and floor consideration of the bill has provoked a classic environment vs. development confrontation.

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), the sponsor, said, "I am sorry to say that statehood did not terminate our status as a colony... the pending legislation is the grossest example of the type of situation forced on the citizens of Alaska by this Congress and this government for years."

Rep. Morris Udall (D-Arizona), an opponent, said that in granting statehood the federal government allotted 105 million acres to Alaska. "But we're not going to give large areas in the middle of a new national park (to

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Alaska). This consists of 14 areas and five million acres."

Members voting yea favored reducing the protected federal areas by five million acres.

Rep. William Broomfield (R-19) voted yea. Reps. David Bonior (D-12), William Ford (D-15), William Brodhead (D-17), James Blanchard (D-18) and Carl Pursell (R-2) voted nay.

**DEFENSE BUDGET**—Rejected, 115 for and 287 against, an attempt to replace a defense bill approved by the Armed Services Committee with a less-expensive substitute that was almost identical to the defense procurement bill sent to Capitol Hill by the Pentagon and the White House. Following this vote, the House passed and sent to the Senate the committee-approved version. The bill (HR 10929)

authorizes the Pentagon to spend \$37.9 billion on weapons and research in fiscal 1979, which begins in October.

The price tag of the substitute was \$35.5 billion, roughly the amount recommended by the House a few weeks ago when it approved the fiscal 1979 "target" budget.

Rep. Bob Carr (D-Michigan), sponsor of the substitute, criticized the Armed Services Committee for approving "in a Christmas-like attitude" a bill that "is not in step and in tune with the House as a whole."

Rep. Robert Sikes (D-Florida), an opponent, said: "The time may be approaching when we must fight (Russia) or capitulate. I do not know in today's world of strange forces how much heart and guts America will have for that confrontation. The easy way would be compromise."

Members voting yea favored the defense cut. Bonior, Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Pursell voted yea. Broomfield voted nay.

**GI'S IN KOREA**—Rejected, 142 for and 247 against, an amendment to thwart the Administration plan to gradually withdraw all 32,000 U.S. ground troops in South Korea. The amendment permitted a withdrawal of only 6,000 troops. It was proposed to HR 10928, the fiscal 1979 defense procurement bill later passed and sent to the Senate. (See vote below.)

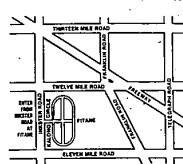
Rep. Samuel S. Stratton (D-New York), the sponsor, said that "if we were to remove all our infantry forces from Korea... the temptation would be very great for (the North Koreans) to attack."

Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-New York), an opponent, said that after the 32,000 troops are gone "we will have a military presence in South Korea because (Carter) is not planning to withdraw our air presence or our naval presence within South Korea and surrounding waters."

Members voting nay favored the troop withdrawal plan. Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard, Broomfield and Pursell voted nay. Ford did not vote.

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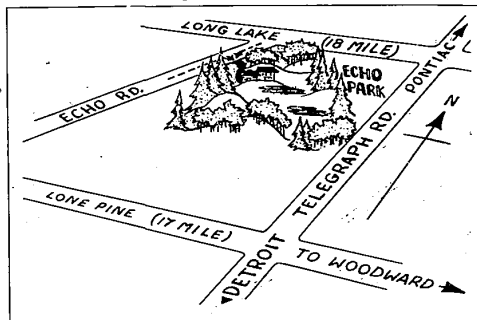
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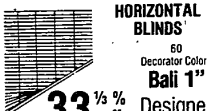
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