

# House says no to coal pipeline scheme

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes July 13 through 19.

## HOUSE

**PIPELINES FOR COAL:** Defeated, 161 for and 246 against, a bill to provide for the construction of slurry pipelines to move coal from one region of the country to another. The intent was to provide a transportation mode—in addition to railroads—for moving coal from mines in the west to electric generating plants in the east. Railroaders opposed the bill, as did some environmentalists concerned about conserving western water and possible pollution from the slurred coal.

Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.), a supporter, said greatly increased coal production in coming decades "will put a strain on the physical capacity of the railroads; coal pipelines can supplement the railroads to make sure the coal is moved safely, efficiently and economically... would be underground, quiet and clean."

Rep. Fred Rooney (D-Pa.), an opponent, said: "If railroads are deprived of carrying their share of the additional coal to be used when utilities are converted from gas and oil to coal, they will be unable to obtain the necessary revenue to provide the capital required to continue providing their essential role in our national transportation system."

Members voting "yea" favored passage of the bill.

Reps. David Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens), William Ford (D-Taylor), William Brodhead (D-Detroit), James Blanchard (D-Pi.Ridge), William

## Roll Call Report



Broomfield (R-Birmingham), and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), voted "nay."

**COAL LIQUEFACTION:** Adopted, 165 for and 132 against, an amendment to spend \$75 million on a demonstration project to develop coal liquefaction technology. It was attached to HR 12163, a Department of Energy (DOE) research and development bill later passed and sent to the Senate. Deriving liquid fuel from hard coal is viewed as a significant source of energy in the future. The fuel can be used in some industrial processes as a substitute for oil.

Under this amendment, private companies such as Gulf Oil would compete for the opportunity to carry out the federally-funded demonstration project.

Rep. Walter Flowers (D-Ala.), a supporter, said the demonstration project as envisioned in the bill "is the best way for us to obtain a synthetic fuel from the coal industry in this country in time to meet our needs."

Rep. Richard Ottinger (D-N.Y.), an opponent, favored the objective of the bill but said it failed to provide "enough protection for taxpayers" in its provision of federal subsidies for private industry.

Members voting "yea" favored the amendment. Blanchard and Pursell voted "yea." Bonior, Brodhead and Broomfield voted "nay."

Ford did not vote.

**ANDREW YOUNG:** Tabled, 293 for and 82 against, a motion to impeach U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Andrew Young. The motion was provoked by Young's statement to a Paris newspaper that there are "hundreds, maybe even thousands of people I would call political prisoners" in U.S. jails.

Rep. Fortney Stark (D-Calif.), a supporter of tabling, said: "There are, indeed, political prisoners in the U.S., as with the Wilmington Ten, who rest now in jail in North Carolina, and in the more prospective sense

that... there will be thousands of... minority youths who will go to jail because we failed politically to provide them with the opportunities that they need for education and jobs and health."

Rep. John Myers (R-Ind.), an opponent of tabling and supporter of impeachment, said: "Of course,

everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but speaking as the Ambassador... to the U.N. goes beyond one's personal opinion."

Members voting "yea" favored tabling the move to impeach Young.

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

Pursell did not vote.

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## Orchard Lake widening to get public scrutiny

The Oakland County Road Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Aug. 2 on the proposed widening of Orchard Lake Road to five lanes in West Bloomfield Township and the City of Farmington Hills.

The hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Hills council chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile.

The project proposes widening to five lanes 4.2 miles of Orchard Lake Road from north of Twelve Mile to Will-C-Way Street, north of Fifteen Mile (Maple Road), said Gnuu.

Phase one, which includes the southerly portion to just south of Maple is tentatively scheduled for construction in 1979, he said.



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