

Senate OKs home meals for elderly

Here's how area members of U.S. Congress were recorded on major roll call votes July 20 through July 26.

HOUSE
PEACE CORPS FUNDS: Adopted, 276 for and 120 against, the conference report on a bill authorizing \$112.4 million for the Peace Corps during fiscal 1979.

Rep. William Broomfield (R-Mich.), a supporter, said the Peace Corps "has generally done a good job in fielding motivated and hardworking American volunteers willing to immerse themselves in the grass roots development problems... in more than 60 countries."

Rep. Bill Young (R-Fla.), an opponent, charged that the Peace Corps spent \$47,500 last year on abortions for corps volunteers. "These were the very same volunteers who were in the field in these countries supposedly to teach poor women how not to get pregnant," he said.

Members voting "yea" favored the bill.

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

OCEAN MINING: Adopted, 214 for and 184 against, an amendment giving jurisdiction over mining of minerals on the ocean floor to the commerce department instead of the interior department. The amendment was attached to a bill (HR 330) establishing the federal government's authority to regulate deep sea mining in international waters. In part, the bill provides federal backing of companies such as U.S. Steel and Sun Oil, which are partners in international consortia set up to mine the ocean

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floor's wealth of copper, cobalt and other minerals.

Rep. John Breaux (D-La.), a supporter of the amendment, said: "The department of commerce already has come up with the progress and the ability to move forward on this problem of our resources in international waters."

Rep. Joe Skubitz (R-Kans.), an opponent, noted that the interior department already has jurisdiction over mineral extraction from the U.S. outercontinental shelf, and that to put the commerce department in control farther out in the ocean "makes no sense and could create a bureaucratic nightmare."

Members voting "yea" favored the amendment.

Bonior, Blanchard, Broomfield and Pursell voted "yea."

Ford and Brodhead voted "nay."

METRIC SYSTEM: Defeated, 75 for and 302 against, an amendment to delete \$275,000 for salaries and expenses of the 17-member U.S. Metric Board. The amendment was proposed to HR 1947, an appropriations bill later passed and sent to the senate. The board is in charge of the nation's ongoing voluntary conversion to the metric system. The object of the amendment was to eliminate the board's operating funds and thereby

render it useless.

Rep. Philip Crane (R-Ill.), an opponent, said the metric board is a "vital necessity." The principal concept underlying the board is that it is to coordinate and plan for a voluntary shift to the metric system.

Members voting "yea" favored abolishing the U.S. Metric Board.

Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield voted "nay."

Bonior and Pursell did not vote.

SENATE

MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY: Adopted, 59 for and 29 against, an amendment to the Older Americans Act (HR 12255) to authorize \$100 million in fiscal 1979 and \$120 million in 1980 for home-delivered meals for the elderly. The bill was later passed.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), the sponsor, said: "Many of these homebound persons will end up in institutions and nursing homes if adequate care is not provided to them in their homes. Home-delivered meals are a vital part of the home services."

Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.), an opponent, cited the high cost of the program, adding: "Nothing is nearer and dear to the hearts of all of us than adequate care for America's elderly, and adequate nutrition being the key element in that. But there are some limits to these budgets..."

Senators voting "yea" favored the amendment.

Sen. Donald Riegle (D), voted "yea."

Sen. Robert Griffin (R), did not vote.

RHODESIAN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS: Adopted, 59 for and 36 against.

an amendment to soften U.S. economic sanctions against Rhodesia. The amendment permits President Carter to lift the U.S. trade embargo if the Rhodesian government makes a substantial effort to negotiate with guerrillas fighting it and holds free elections. It was proposed to S 3075, later passed and sent to the house.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), a supporter, said the amendment would preserve U.S. stature as an "honest broker" in the effort to find a peaceful solution to the move toward majority rule in Rhodesia. He called it preferable to an immediate lifting of the trade embargo.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), an opponent, said the senate should vote instead for his amendment to immediately resume trade with Rhodesia.

Senators voting "yea" favored adoption of the amendment. Many senators voting "nay" wanted to immediately lift the sanctions.

Griffin voted "yea."
Riegle did not vote.

TURKISH ARMS BAN: Adopted, 57 for and 42 against, an amendment to repeal the 45-month-old embargo on U.S. military aid to Turkey. It was attached to S 3075, a bill later passed and sent to the house. The amendment places future aid to Turkey under frequent congressional review, and expresses congressional displeasure with the Turkish army's continuing occupation of nearly half of Cyprus.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.), a supporter, argued that the arms embargo "has not worked and there is no good reason to suppose that it will work as intended in the future." The ban, he added, has "poisoned" U.S. Turkey relations and forced the U.S. to give up access to important intelligence installations in Turkey.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), an opponent, said lifting the embargo would be "condoning aggression" by Turkey against Greek Cypriots. He claimed elimination of the ban was being proposed "without a single concrete action to remedy or to rectify that aggression."

Senators voting "yea" favored lifting the arms embargo.

Griffin voted "yea."
Riegle voted "nay."



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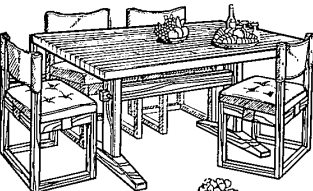
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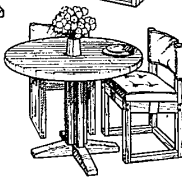
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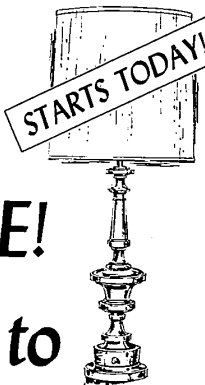
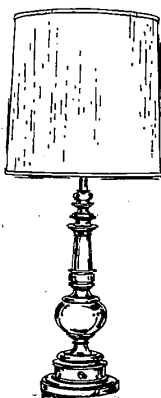
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