

House backs Rhodesia trade

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes July 27 through Aug. 2.

HOUSE

RHODESIAN EMBARGO—Adopted, 229 for and 180 against, an amendment ending U.S. economic sanctions against Rhodesia on Dec. 31, provided the white-dominated African country has installed a new government through free elections that include participation by all political groups in the country. The measure was added to the 1979 military foreign aid bill (HR 1254), later passed and sent to conference with the senate.

The administration opposed the amendment. It wants to retain the trade embargo as an important lever in its efforts to have Rhodesian black guerrilla organizations included in the settlement designed to bring about majority rule in Rhodesia.

Rep. Richard Ichord (D-Mo.), sponsor of the amendment, said it does not require the present Rhodesian government of Prime Minister Ian Smith "to negotiate with the Communist-backed" guerrilla faction, which he said is "trying to shoot itself into power in Rhodesia."

Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Wis.), an opponent, said the amendment includes "no way to insure that external parties (the guerrillas) may participate in such elections or in the negotiating process."

Members voting "yea" favored lifting the embargo under certain conditions, notwithstanding Carter Administration objections.

Reps. William Broomfield (R-Birm.) 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-Fl. Detroit), voted "nay."

AID TO SYRIA—Adopted, 280 for and 103 against, an amendment cutting off U.S. economic aid to Syria for one year, starting Oct. 1. The aid totals about \$80 million. The amendment was added to a foreign aid bill (HR 1201), later passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Ed Derwinski (R-Ill.), author of the amendment, said: "The savage Syrian action in Lebanon threatens to drag the Middle East closer to an all-out war." He accused Syrian troops of "slaughtering" Lebanese Christians.

Rep. Clarence Long (D-Md.), an opponent, argued the amendment "has the potential for serious damage to the (Middle East) negotiating process now underway." He added: "The Syrians have been playing a helpful role with regard to events in South Lebanon."

Members voting "yea" favored the aid cutoff.

Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard, Broomfield and Pursell voted "yea." Ford did not vote.

Roll Call Report



TURKISH ARMS BAN

Adopted, 288 for and 206 against, an amendment that lifts the embargo on arms shipments to Turkey, which was imposed by Congress after Turkey invaded Cyprus in 1974. The President must certify to Congress that it is in the best interests of the U.S. and NATO to sell the weapons and that Turkey is making a good faith effort to settle the Cyprus problem. The measure was added to the International Assistance Authorization bill (HR 1254), a foreign military aid bill.

Rep. Jim Wright (D-Tex.), sponsor of the amendment, said: "The embargo has not produced a settlement on Cyprus. The southern flank of NATO has been weakened. The relations between Greece and Turkey have deteriorated. The relations of each to NATO have deteriorated. And our own position has deteriorated as a result."

Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind.), an opponent, said the amendment requires "not one concrete action on the part of the government of Turkey" and places "no restrictions whatsoever on Turkey's capacity to transfer additional arms to Cyprus or to ignore the cease-fire."

Members voting "yea" favored selling arms to Turkey. Broomfield voted "yea." Bonior, Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Pursell voted "nay."

ADJOURNMENT—Adopted, 302 for and 44 against, a resolution (S Con Res 98) setting aside Congress' otherwise mandatory adjournment date of July 31.

There was no floor debate on the measure. Many of the members voting "nay" were making a symbolic gesture against the current Congress, which they think has met long enough and passed enough laws.

The mandatory July 31 adjournment was enacted a quarter-century ago in an effort to speed up congressional business, but the deadline has been extended every year since 1958.

The House, however, will recess this year from Aug. 18 to Sept. 5, and the Senate will recess from Aug. 30 through Sept. 5. The target date for adjourning the 1978 session is Oct. 7. However, a lame-duck session after the November election is a possibility.

A "yea" vote favored staying in session beyond July 31.

Brodhead and Pursell voted "yea." Broomfield voted "nay." Bonior and Blanchard did not vote.

SENATE

TRADE WITH UGANDA—Voted, 46 for and 39 against, to table and thus kill soft House-passed language merely urging President Carter to take action to penalize the Idi Amin regime in Uganda, which is committing genocide against tens of thousands of Ugandans.

After this vote rejecting the soft approach to Amin, the Senate voted an almost total embargo on trade with Uganda, in hopes of depriving Amin of the hard currency he depends heavily upon. The trade embargo was added to an International Monetary Fund authorization bill (S 2182), which now goes to conference.

Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), a supporter of tabling the soft language, said: "A man like Idi Amin does not respond to sense-of-the-Senate resolutions. He only responds when it is clear this nation, and hopefully others on the international scene, will act."

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), an opponent of tabling, said: "I think all of us recognize it is not within the power of the U.S. to reform or restructure or remodel other governments. As a practical matter, we must take them pretty much as they come."

Members voting "nay" favored the soft approach to Amin. Sen. Donald Riegle (D.), voted "yea."

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

WORKER SAFETY—Failed, 42 for and 51 against, to table an amendment exempting businesses which employ 10 or fewer persons from regulation by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The Senate then approved the amendment by a voice vote, including it in a bill (HR 1145) authorizing Small Business Administration programs. The bill was passed and sent to conference with the House.

Sen. Dewey Bartlett (R-Okla.), author of the amendment, said: "The current pace of inflation makes it increasingly difficult for small businesses to compete effectively in the marketplace. Excessive government regulation exacerbates their problems."

Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), an opponent, charged the amendment would "simply, on a wholesale basis, eliminate these workers just because they happen to work for small business. That does not in any way change the danger and damage to them."

Members voting "yea" favored keeping the small businesses under OSHA jurisdiction. Riegle voted "yea." Griffin voted "nay."

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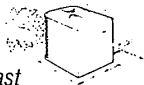
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