

How our reps split on sugar protection bill

Here's how area Members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Oct. 18 through Oct. 24.

HOUSE

SUGAR BILL: By a vote of 158 for and 249 against, the House rejected a bill to protect the domestic sugar industry against competition from lower-priced imported sugar.

The bill (HR 2172) would have provided higher prices for U.S. sugar and duties on imported sugar. It also would have allowed direct federal subsidies to U.S. growers and processors of up to \$50,000 per year.

Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., a supporter, said the U.S. sugar industry is "going down the drain if we do not do something to stabilize prices."

Rep. Thomas Downey, D-N.Y., an opponent, said the U.S. cannot maintain its current sugar industry "without a big raid on the Treasury."

Members voting "yes" favored bolstering the domestic sugar industry with higher prices.

Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge voted "yes."

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Broadhead, D-Detroit, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham voted "nay."

Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, did not vote.

jected, 169 for and 225 against, an amendment to remove government controls from the price of gasoline and do away with the government-run allocation of gas supplies.

Federal price controls, in effect since 1973, are due to be phased out by the end of 1981. This amendment would have immediately removed them and let the oil companies and the marketplace set the price. It was proposed to HR 3000, Department of Energy bill passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. James Courter, R-N.J., the sponsor, said that by doing away with allocation his amendment would avert future gas lines. Since controls are to be eventually removed, he added, "we might as well do it now when we have a situation where inventories are up and consumption is low."

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., an opponent, reminded the House that "our oil companies are making outstanding profits at this time," and added that the president should retain authority to control prices in order to protect consumers against the pricing consequences of any future cut off of Middle Eastern oil.

Members voting "yes" wanted to immediately remove controls from gasoline prices.

Broomfield voted "yes." Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Broadhead and Blanchard voted "nay."

IS THERE AN OIL SHORTAGE? The House adopted, 264 for and 143

roll call report

against, an amendment requiring the Department of Energy to publish monthly reports on the major oil companies' supplies of crude and refined oil. The amendment was attached to HR 3000 (see previous vote).

Rep. Peter Peyer, D-N.Y., the sponsor, said the amendment struck at the "very heart of every problem we are facing in this country on the oil crisis." He contended that people "have not believed the condition that exists in the oil industry" because the American Petroleum Institute, an industry trade association, provides the data on oil supplies.

Rep. Clarence Miller, R-Ohio, an opponent, said "This amendment will drive the price of the refined products even higher. . . . The cost to the consumer through the price of higher oil products due to these reports greatly outweighs the benefits derived from obtaining these statistics."

Members voting "yes" wanted the government to publish the oil data.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Broadhead, Blanchard and Broomfield voted "yes."

SENATE

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR: The Senate confirmed, 48 for and 36 against, the nomination of former Rep. Robert Krueger, D-Tex., to the new post of Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of Mexican Affairs.

At issue was not Krueger but the precedent of creating a second ambassadorial post to deal with a single country. Some senators speculated that the appointment was intended to circumvent U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Patrick Lucey, who later resigned.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Cal., who supported the nomination, said a special coordinator is needed to insure that U.S.-Mexican problems are not "buried in the bureaucratic maze and left to simmer."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., an opponent, said Mexican officials suspect the move is President Carter's method of "working out a personnel problem in his administration."

Senators voting "yes" favored

Krueger's appointment.

Sens. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., and Carl Levin, D-Mich., voted "yes."

D.C. BUDGET: The Senate approved, 64 for and 19 against, a \$1.4 billion District of Columbia budget for the fiscal year which began Oct. 1. The budget is drafted by D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and refined by House and Senate committees. The majority of the budget is raised by D.C. through taxation. About \$238 million is the "federal payment" to the capital city. The main issue during floor debate was tough anti-abortion language which the House had attached to the bill.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., a supporter, said: "I can understand the frustration of Mayor Barry. He is trying to do a job, a good job, for his city" and does not like "seeing these budgets held up time after time after time on abortion language."

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., an opponent, said that polls show abortion funding is not among the top 20 con-

cerns of the American public. "The issue is the greatest non-issue in the country today," he said, "although it is not a non-issue in the Senate and in the House."

Senators voting "nay" either were liberals who disliked the tough anti-abortion language or conservatives unsympathetic toward D.C.

Riegle and Levin voted "yes."

Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., who favored the cut, said that senators cannot restrain federal spending if they support "every budget increase that happens to be popular."

Sen. Donald Stewart, D-Ala., an opponent of killing the budget increase, said many states cannot afford adequate fire protection without the federal aid.

Senators voting "yes" favored reducing the fire protection outlays.

Levin voted "yes."

Riegle voted "nay."

Should he jog or walk?

Which activity, per unit distance, expends the greatest number of calories — walking, running or bicycling?

Due to the popularity of these exercises, there is interest and debate in the number of calories expended per unit distance for each mode of exercise.

Several recent research studies have documented that running a given distance requires a greater number of calories than walking the same distance. The gross caloric cost of walking is approximately .52 calories per pound of body weight per mile (cal/lb/mile). For running it's .77 cal/lb/mile.

In other words, a 154 pound man burns 80 calories while walking one mile (.52x154), and 119 calories in running the mile (.77 x 154).

IT IS INTERESTING that unless the individual walks or runs at extremely slow or fast paces for each method, the caloric cost per unit distance is relatively independent of speed.

Consequently, body weight and distance traveled — rather than running or walking speed — are the key factors influencing the total caloric expenditure for each activity.

Although many obese persons may be unable to run, their greater body weight moved a longer walking distance can result in a substantial caloric expenditure.



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BICYCLING IS an energy efficient method of covering distance.

The gross caloric cost of bicycling, also relatively independent of speed, is approximately .27 cal/lb/mile. (The caloric cost of bicycling is actually difficult to assess due to many variables including type of bicycle, terrain, wind resistance, etc.)

For a given distance, bicycling utilizes approximately one quarter and one eighth the calories of walking and running respectively.

Expressed another way, the energy cost of bicycling three miles is the approximate equivalent of walking one and one quarter miles or running one mile. In order to burn calories for weight control, a long bicycling distance must be covered.



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