

House defeat erodes farmland conversion curb

Here's how area Members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Feb. 5 through Feb. 13.

HOUSE

LOSS OF FARMLAND: The House defeated, 210-177, a bill to get the U.S. Department of Agriculture involved in slowing the rapid conversion of American farmland to other uses. By the time of this vote, the bill had been stripped of most of its provisions, including a \$60 million outlay for state and local "pilot programs" to curb farmland conversion.

Rep. Robert McClory, D-Ill., a supporter said that "Every day, 12 square miles of American farmland are converted to nonagricultural use... a loss of over three million acres per year."

Opponents raised the specter of federal land-use planning. Rep. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said that Black Hawk County in his district has been able to protect its farmland without federal help.

Members voting "yes" want the Department of Agriculture to at least study the farmland conversion phenomenon.

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, voted "yes."

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted "no."

Rep. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, did not vote.

SUBPOENA PROBE: By a vote of 194-118, the House cut off debate on whether the Democratic leadership had acted wisely in keeping a secret a grand jury subpoena of certain House records. The records relate to Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Calif., who has been charged by the Ethics Committee with payroll fraud.

After this vote, the Democratic majority decided to begin a Rules Committee probe of the handling of the subpoena. The ending of debate, however, silenced GOP complaints on the floor that in this election year Democrats are trying to shroud the Wilson issue from public view.

Rep. Richard Bollin, D-Mo., a supporter of ending debate, said: "I fear there is some motive other than objective concern for the House" behind the GOP wish to air the issue.

Rep. John Rhodes, R-Ariz., an oppo-

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ment, said that to regain public trust, the House "must operate in the open and operate honorably."

Members voting "yes" want an immediate public debate of the secret subpoena issue.

Ford, Brodhead, and Blanchard voted "yes."

Pursell voted "no."

Bonior and Broomfield did not vote.

NOISE CONTROL: The House voted 253-103 to give either house of Congress veto power over noise-abatement rules issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The one-house veto provision, added to a bill (HR 3935) later passed and sent to conference with the Senate, would permit Congress to block any EPA noise regulation by acting within 90 days of its proposal. As in the Senate FTC vote (see below) the "legislative veto" issue becomes increasingly debated as Congress seeks a means of lessening regulatory agencies.

Rep. Elliott Levitas, D-Ga., a supporter of the veto plan, asked: "Who is going to make the laws, unelected bureaucrats or the elected Congress accountable to the people?"

Rep. Bob Eckhardt, D-Texas, an opponent, said Congress could better keep a check on the regulators through "the closest surveillance, scrutiny and oversight" by congressional subcommittees. Members voting "yes" favor the veto provision.

Pursell, and Broomfield voted "yes." Ford, Bonior and Brodhead voted "no."

Blanchard did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The House voted, 262 for and 49 against, to adjourn at the close of business Feb. 13 until Feb. 19. This "district work period" coincides roughly with the Lincoln and Washington birthdays. There was no debate on the measure.

Members voting "yes" wanted to adjourn. Despite their "no" votes, virtually all members registering opposition took the time off.

Ford, Blanchard, and Davis voted "yes."

Pursell, Bonior, Brodhead and

Broomfield did not vote.

SENATE

CHILDREN'S ADS: The Senate failed, 30 for and 67 against, to preserve the Federal Trade Commission's authority to regulate children's advertising on TV. House concurrence would halt the FTC's ongoing "rulemaking" that could prohibit the advertising of sugary cereals and other "kid-vid" advertising. The vote came during debate on an FTC bill, later passed and sent to conference with the House.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, a supporter, said: "We are confronted today with a choice between the profits of the food processors, advertising agencies and TV broadcasters, and the welfare of the children who are this nation's future."

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., an opponent, said the issue "is simply this: Who is going to make the laws that govern this country — members of Congress elected by the voters, or the unelected faceless bureaucrats?"

Senators voting "yes" want the FTC to continue working toward likely regulation of children's advertising on TV.

Sens. Donald Riegle and Carl Levin, both Democrats, voted "no."

PATENT PROTECTION: By a vote of 34 for and 60 against, the Senate refused to include all large businesses in a bill allowing patent protection on discoveries made under federally sponsored research. As a result of this vote, the bill's patent protection rights are limited to universities, defense contractors, non-profit organizations and small businesses. The bill was sent to the House.

Sen. Adlai Stevenson, D-Ill., a supporter, said the amendment "would grant all industries the right to exploit the technologies they developed, while reserving to the government its right to use the inventions."

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., an opponent, said the bill "does not segregate against big business... It merely protects small business."

Senators voting "yes" wanted large concerns as well as small businesses to be able to patent inventions made with government money.

Riegle and Levin voted "no."

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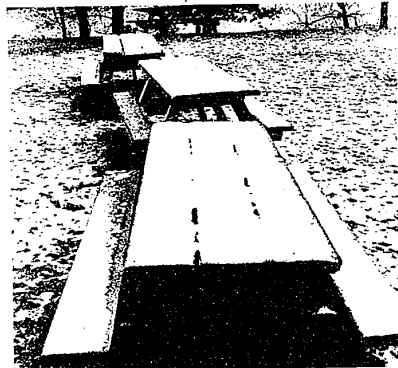
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Snow blanket offers rabbit hunting help

By LEM MESEE
Outdoors writer

Fresh snow has been a boon to more than cross country skiers.

Rabbit hunting conditions suddenly became excellent in the woods and farmlands of Oakland County. Tracking is ideal after a light snowfall.

But hunters were rare, according to state DNR officers. Hot spot seemed to be Monroe County, where virtually every hunter checked had at least one rabbit.

Pandish are hitting on most area lakes. Bigger ones are biting at dawn and dusk, just like in the summer months.

THE PHOTO exhibit sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is making the rounds of local malls now through April.

Among the scenic shots are winners in the park's fall photo contest, according to parks manager Eric Reickel.

The display is at Tel-Twelve's landscape and garden show Feb. 22 to March 9. That's at Tel-Twelve and 12 Mile roads, Southfield.

From March 15-24 it will be at the recreational vehicle show at Oakland Mall, 14 Mile near I-75, Troy.

And from March 24-31, you may see it at Great Oaks Mall, 1270 Walton Blvd., Rochester.

The final stop is April 8-13 at Pontiac Mall, Telegraph at Elizabeth Lake Road.

STUDENT NATURALISTS will conduct a winter tour of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's environmental study area at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

They will discuss the effect of winter on plant and animal life and how animals cope. Bring binoculars for bird watching.

The free tour starts at the main entrance to the 70-acre study area on Fair Lane Drive of the UM-D campus, which is on Evergreen south of Ford Road, Dearborn.

TWO METROPARKS have Sunday morning events.

At Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester, the third annual "pancake walk" will start at 9 a.m. at the nature center. Naturalist Roger Bajorek will lead a one-hour walk through the frozen beauty of nature and back to a pancake breakfast.

There is a \$1.50 charge in addition to the vehicle entry permit. Register in advance by calling the Stony Creek nature center at 781-4521.

Kensington Metropark on I-96 near Milford offers a cross country ski nature tour at 9 a.m., starting at the nature center parking lot. Naturalist Dave Mollman will lead the two-hour trek along trails where deer, squirrels, birds and other wildlife are often seen.

There's no charge beyond the vehicle entry permit, but you need to register in advance by calling the nature center at 685-1561.