

House votes to keep UN technical aid

Here's how area Members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes April 23 through April 25. HOUSE

LOTTERY DEVICES — The House passed (269-121) a bill enabling U.S. manufacturers to sell lottery materials — such as instant-winner tickets and bingo cards — in foreign countries. The bill (HR1301) was sent to the Senate.

Rep. George Danielson, D-Calif., a supporter, said, "Past this law and create a few more jobs for American workers. Add a little bit to our own side of the balance of payments and raise some more taxes to help meet our budget deficit."

Rep. Carlos Moorhead, R-Calif., an opponent, said passage of the bill "would place Congress in the posture of encouraging the development and expansion of the lottery services industry throughout the U.S."

Members voting "yes" wanted to permit the foreign sale of lottery devices.

Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens; James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge; and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted "yes."

Reps. William Brodhead, D-Detroit; Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; and William Ford, D-Taylor, didn't vote.

UNITED NATIONS — The House rejected (187-214) an attempt to elimi-

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nate the \$41 million "technical assistance" contribution the U.S. will make to the United Nations in fiscal 1980. Technical assistance programs, distinguished from the U.N.'s peacekeeping function, mostly benefit Third World countries. The vote came during debate on HR 3363, a State Department spending bill later passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. John Rousselot, R-Calif., said: "The American people need relief from the mandatory assessments for technical assistance... an 'international income tax' designed to redistribute the world's wealth."

Rep. Edward Derwinski, R-Ill., an opponent, said: "This amendment would not work to the advantage of the American taxpayer. It will impede us and embarrass us and weaken our leadership at the U.N."

Members voting "yes" wanted to eliminate the U.S. contribution to the

United Nations for "technical assistance" programs.

Broomfield voted "yes." Brodhead, Bonior and Blanchard voted "no."

Pursell and Ford did not vote.

SENATE

SHIPS FOR IRAN — The Senate rejected (26-62) an amendment to eliminate budget authority for destroyers which the Shah of Iran ordered several years ago from a U.S. shipbuilder. The new Iranian government no longer wants the warships, and the Armed Services Committee has called their air defense system "clearly inadequate." The effect of this vote is that budget authority exists for the U.S. Navy to acquire them. At issue are four Spruance-class destroyers under construction at the Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries in Pascagoula, Miss. Total estimated price tag for the four is \$1.35 billion. This vote occurred during debate on S Con Res 22, which set congressional spending ceilings through fiscal 1982.

Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., the sponsor of the amendment, said: "We are going to take these ships off the Iranian government's hands, obsolete though they are for our needs, and we are going to buy them out."

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FEDERAL TRAVEL — The Senate rejected (41-44) an amendment to reduce fiscal 1980 budget authority by cutting out \$500 million earmarked for federal employees' travel, \$200 million for film making by federal agencies and \$200 million in overtime for federal workers. The amendment also sought to reduce the federal work force by 1 percent through attrition, at a projected fiscal 1980 savings of \$200 million. It was proposed to S Con Res 22 (see vote above).

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the sponsor, said his amendment would cut expenditures on "items considered extravagant by the American taxpayers."

Senators voting "yes" favored the amendment.

Levin and Riegle voted "no."

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