

# House stands behind M-X missile

Here's how area Members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes May 31 through June 6.

## Roll Call Report



**M-X MISSILE**—The House rejected, 89 for and 311 against, an amendment to eliminate \$255 million for a new "M-X" land-based, movable missile from a bill authorizing \$1.3 billion in additional defense spending this fiscal year. The bill (H.R. 2575) was later passed and sent to conference with the Senate. It contained money for the missile.

Proponents say a movable missile such as the M-X is needed because current stationary land-based missiles will soon become vulnerable to a surprise Soviet attack. Opponents say submarine-launched and cruise missiles are sufficient to deter an attack.

Rep. Donald Dellums, D-Calif., sponsor of the amendment, said, "The M-X will stimulate the arms race and cause its own obsolescence. . . . Cheaper, safer alternatives are available. This weapons system is a dangerous departure on a new road."

Rep. Charles Dougherty, R-Pa., an opponent, said: "What we must do is what the Soviets require us to do. As long as they continue to develop sophisticated nuclear weapons, we have no choice but to respond."

Members voting "yes" favored eliminating money for the M-X. Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Brodhead, D-Detroit and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, voted "yes."

William Brodhead, R-Birmingham, voted "no."

**MASS TRANSIT**—By a vote of 127 for and 278 against, the House rejected

an amendment to spend an additional \$125 million this fiscal year for grants to develop mass transportation. The amendment was proposed to H.R. 4289, a fiscal 1979 appropriations bill later passed and sent to the Senate. The money was to have been an addition to \$1.25 billion already appropriated to help states and localities buy buses, build subways and undertake other mass transit programs.

Rep. Hamilton Fish, R-N.Y., a sponsor, said: "With people lining up at gas stations, we should be purchasing more buses and railcars."

Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., an opponent, said that in view of budget limitations, "we simply cannot afford to spend anymore" for mass transit.

Members voting "yes" favored spending an additional \$125 million for mass transit in the current fiscal year. Pursell, Bonior, Brodhead and Blanchard voted "yes."

Ford and Brodhead voted "no."

**CITY MONEY**—The House rejected, 159 for and 263 against, an amendment to transfer \$200 million from the fiscal 1980 Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) program to the Community Development Block Grant fund. The amendment was proposed to H.R. 3875, a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) spending bill headed for final passage.

The purpose of the amendment was to downgrade the UDAG program under which categorical grants are awarded to fund community development proposals which HUD feels are particularly innovative.

Rep. Dave Stockman, R-Mich., a supporter, said: "UDAG is a lousy, counterproductive shell game, and if we are going to waste money we might as well waste it honestly by pouring it into the community development bonodoggle, because nobody is more accomplished at efficiently wasting money than the mayors who are getting that money today."

Rep. Stewart McKinney, R-Conn., an opponent, said the amendment "is going to take \$200 million out of a targeted program that sends money where it is needed and . . . send money where it is not needed."

Members voting "yes" favored downgrading UDAG. Pursell voted "yes."

Bonior, Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Brodhead voted "no."

### SENATE

**TAIWAN**—By a vote of 59 for and 35 against, the Senate adopted a non-binding resolution that criticized President Carter for terminating on his own the mutual defense pact with Taiwan. The resolution said that Senate approval is "required" before a President can end any treaty.

Although the vote does nothing to repair the Taiwan treaty that was ended when the U.S. opened diplomatic relations with Peking, it has symbolic value in that the Senate is scolding Carter for acting unilaterally.

Sen. Harry Byrd, I-Va., sponsor of the resolution, said it's his belief that the Senate has "a constitutional responsibility in regard to the termination of treaties just as it does in regard to the ratification of treaties."

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., an opponent, said that in place of Byrd's resolution he favored a similar but softer Foreign Relations Committee resolution. He called the latter "more protective of the role of the Congress."

Senators voting "yes" favored the sharpest possible rebuke of President Carter for unilaterally ending the Taiwan treaty.

Sen. Donald Riegle, D, and Carl Levin, D, voted "no."

**BUSING**—The Senate voted to table, and thus kill, an amendment to outlaw school busing programs as energy-wasters. The vote to table was 52-39. It came during consideration of a bill (S. 1030) dealing with energy conservation, later passed and sent to the House.

Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., a supporter of killing the amendment, said that while he is opposed to busing for racial purposes he felt this amendment was "not properly" part of the legislation at hand.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., an opponent of tabling and the sponsor of the amendment, said: "In developing pupil assignment plans, federal courts and bureaucracies have been as heedless of the energy drain created by unnecessary busing as they are of the other burdens these plans impose upon American society."

Riegle and Levin voted "yes."



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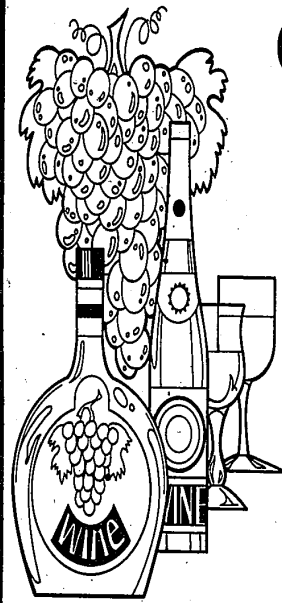
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