

roll call report

House Oks bankroll of committees' committee

Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes March 6-12. There were no Senate votes.

FEDERAL SPENDING: The House approved by a one-vote margin, 199-198, a \$287,852 budget for the Select Committee on Committees. This will fund the special House panel until it goes out of business about April 30, 1980. The committee was formed last year to find ways to thin the House's sprawling committee bureaucracy.

Rep. John Brademas, D-Ind., a supporter, said the \$287,852 outlay "represents a 40.9 percent decrease from the committee's 1979 adjusted expenses."

Rep. James Collins, R-Tex., an opponent, said "this committee would be an excellent place where we could achieve a 100 percent cut. . . . We can work out adjustments without any type of a select committee. We . . . really have no need for this Committee on Committees."

Members voting "yea" want to fund the Select Committee on Committees.

Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, voted "yea."

Reps. William Ford, D-Taylor, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted "nay."

Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, did not vote.

HOUSE COMPUTERS: By a vote of 228-174, the House approved a \$919 million 1980 expenditure for the computer system that provides information to members' offices, the committees and other House operations.

Rep. Charles Rose, D-N.C., a supporter, said the executive branch spends about \$5 billion on computers. The House, he added, needs its less-expensive computer system to "adequately oversee the burgeoning executive branch of government."

Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., an opponent, said that when the House significantly cuts federal outlays such as this it will have "laid the foundation for the stopping of deficit spending which is the

principal cause of inflation in this country."

Members voting "yea" want full funding of House computer operations.

Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and Blanchard voted "yea."

Broomfield voted "nay."

Pursell did not vote.

WINDFALL REVENUE: By a vote of 215-201, the House refused to endorse spending a larger share of revenue from the new tax on oil company windfall profits for energy development and conservation. The vote came on a non-binding measure suggesting ways to allocate the \$227 billion the windfall tax is expected to raise in the 1980s. It left intact language suggesting that 60 percent of the \$227 billion go for income tax reductions. The vote came during debate on the windfall-tax bill, which was headed for final passage.

Rep. Joseph Fisher, D-Va., a supporter of using more money for energy, said: "This is hardly the time to tell the American people that the highest priority in an energy bill is an inflationary tax cut."

Rep. James Cavanaugh, D-Calif., an opponent, said: "If working men and women are going to have to pay a lot more for energy, they ought to have to pay a little bit less toward the cost of the government."

Members voting "yea" wanted to spend more of the windfall tax yield on energy programs and less to make possible an income tax cut.

Bonior, Ford, and Blanchard voted "yea."

Brodhead and Broomfield voted "nay."

Pursell did not vote.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK: The House adopted, 210-189, an amendment that cut from \$445 million to \$180 million the U.S. contribution over the next three years to the Asian Development Bank. The bank provides capital on extremely favorable terms to developing Asian countries. The amendment was attached to HR 3829, later passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. John Rouselet, R-Calif., a supporter, said that while the U.S. government wants to provide 20 percent of the Asian bank's capital over the next three years, "the OPEC nations, the ones that have all that tremendous cash flow coming their way, are providing zero, absolutely nothing" to the bank.

Rep. John Cavanaugh, D-Neb., said that if the U.S. drastically reduces its support of the Asian Development Bank and similar world banks, the result will be to "isolate our nation in the world, weaken our political and economic position in the world, and fuel the flames of inflation which will further afflict our nation and every other nation in the world."

Members voting "yea" favor the 60 percent cut in the proposed U.S. contribution to the Asian Development Bank.

Broomfield voted "yea."

Pursell, Bonior, Ford and Brodhead voted "nay."

Blanchard did not vote.

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