

House OKs speedier discrimination redress

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on recent major roll call votes.

FAIR HOUSING: The House voted 205-204 to put additional enforcement teeth into the 1968 civil rights act that bans discrimination in housing sales and rentals. The vote endorsed the establishment of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administration law courts to speedily judge complaints of housing discrimination and, where warranted, levy fines.

Presently, persons alleging discrimination have to seek redress in the federal courts, a route that critics say is too lengthy and costly. The overall bill (HR 5200) later was passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., a supporter, said, "I need not remind the members of this House of how cumbersome and burdensome the federal court system is at the present time."

Rep. Clarence Miller, R-Ohio, an opponent, said the HUD courts could produce "bureaucratic zealotry," and urged the House to "stick to constitutionally prescribed avenues of redress through the federal court system."

Members voting "yes" wanted housing discrimination complaints to be handled by special HUD judges rather than by the federal courts.

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."

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham voted "nay."

HOUSING APPRAISALS: The House adopted, 257-156, an amendment to keep real estate appraisers from listing information on race, sex, national origin, schools, churches and synagogues in their property reports. The amendment was attached to HR 5200 (see preceding vote).

Rep. Hamilton Fish, R-N.Y., a supporter, said that "to permit appraisers to mention racial and ethnic factors automatically inserts race into deliberations of the lender as to the amount or the actual granting of a loan."

Rep. Steven Symms, R-Idaho, an opponent, said appraisers need freedom to list all information about a neighborhood in order to "do their important work honestly, thus benefiting all members of our society."

Members voting "yes" wanted to exclude racial, ethnic, religious and certain other information from real estate appraisals.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and Blanchard voted "yes."

Broomfield voted "nay."

CENSURE: The House refused, 97-308, to soften from censure to reprimand the penalty imposed on Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Calif., for alleged violations of House rules. The House by non-record vote then censured Wilson for converting campaign funds to personal use and accepting money from a man with a direct interest in pending legislation. Expulsion is the severest penalty a congressman can receive from his colleagues. Censure and reprimand are the other penalties.

Defending himself against the House ethics committee charges, Wilson said: "I have never acted in a criminal manner. I have not violated the rules of the House. . . . No one can buy a piece of me. The facts do not support these allegations."

Rep. Wyche Fowler, D-Ga., a member of the ethics committee and an opponent of softening the penalty, said that "after hearing the evidence" the committee "regretfully" recommends censure of Wilson.

Members voting "nay" wanted Wilson to be censured rather than merely reprimanded.

Ford voted "yes."

Pursell, Sawyer, Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield voted "nay."

SENATE

DRAFTING WOMEN: By a vote of 40-51, the Senate refused to require that women as well as men be registered for the military draft. The vote came during debate on a measure appropriating the money necessary to begin registration for the

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draft. President Carter asked for the money in the wake of Afghanistan.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., the sponsor, said: "Given the growing role of women in the military, I do not feel we can continue to deny the contributions of women by excluding them from registration."

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., an opponent, said: "As to women serving in the services, I have no

argument. I do not think they should be drafted; it should be a voluntary thing."

Senators voting "yes" wanted women to be registered for the draft.

Sens. Donald Riegle and Carl Levin both Democrats voted "yes."

DRAFT REGISTRATION: The Senate passed, 59-34, and sent back to the House a bill clearing the

way for President Carter to register young men for possible draft into the military. The measure appropriates \$13.3 million for registering the nation's four million 19- and 20-year-olds.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., a supporter, said the U.S. "simply could not fulfill mobilization plans in a timely and orderly way without registration."

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wisc., an opponent, said that among other shortcomings draft registration "does not address the military manpower compensation problem, nor (upgrade) our existing military personnel."

Senators voting "yes" supported the president's call for draft registration.

Riegle and Levin voted "nay."

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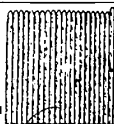
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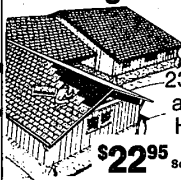
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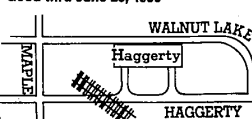
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They were both unopposed in an election among representatives of 28 local school districts in the county. Sixteen of the 28 districts voted.

Representatives from each local district meet annually to review the intermediate district budget, approve vocational education programs and elect intermediate school board members.

SPARROW HAS been an intermediate board member since 1972. Mrs. Beardmore was elected to her first term in 1974. Both begin their new terms July 1.

Other members of the intermediate school board are: Betty Campion, president of the Walled Lake school board; Dorothy Eicker, vice-president of the Birmingham school board and LaVerne DeWard, of Pontiac.

Short take

Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the Republican ticket's presidential slot on May 18, 1860. On getting word of the decision at his Springfield, Ill., home, he told well-wishers, "Well, gentlemen, there is a little short woman at our house who is probably, more inter-

ested in this dispatch than I am; and if you will excuse me, I will take it up and let her see it."

Several pieces of Lincoln's Springfield furniture are now on exhibit in the Decorative Arts Gallery of Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.