Energy board killed by House

ENERGY BOARD:
The House voted 232-131
to table and thus kill the
Energy Mobilization
Board proposed as a key
element of the administration's preparate. To
the property of the second of the
projects such as refineries and synthetic fuel
plants, the "fast track"
board could have
triggered the waiver of
federal and state laws
and regulations impeding
construction. The vote
came during debate on S
1308.

Rep. Thomas Evans. ENERGY BOARD:

1308.
Rep. Thomas Evans,
R-Del., a supporter of
tabling the bill, said the
legislation "tosses in the
governmental waste basket 200 years of state and

voted "nay."
SYNTHETIC FUEL:
By a vote of 317-93, the
House passed and sent to
President Carter a bill
aimed at developing a
massive synthetic fuels
industry in the U.S.
Spending \$20 billion in
the next fiscal year, \$88

gy.

Synthetic fuel is chiefly oil from shale and gas from coal. The goal of the legislation is to yield two million barrels of "synfuels" daily by 1992; the U.S. now imports 7.2 tillion barrels of oil and oil products daily.

Supporter Chalmers Wylle, R-Ohio, said he liked the bills "emphasis on coal, our ace in the hole," and added that failure to pass the bill "would mean another headstone in the graveyard of dead energy projects and an even more vulnerable America."

Opponent Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., said the bill "plunges headlong into an unproven technology. by spending vast sums that

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technology. by
spending vast sums that
will likely fill the coffers
of the same companies
(that) benefited royally
from the windfall profits
of oil decontrol."
Members voting "yea"
worded to launch the

Members voting 'yea wanted to launch the government-funded attempt to develop a synthetic fuels industry in the U.S. Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield, voted "yea."

STATE DEPT: The House adopted, 240-144, an amendment cutting five percent (978.3 million) from the State Department's fiscal 1981 budget. Only funding for the American Institute in Taiwan was exempted from the cut. The vote came during debate on an appropriations bill headed for passage and the Senate. the Senate.

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wake of Iran the budget contains more money for security at embassies, and that approval of this amendment would lessen security overseas. Mem-bers voting "yea" fa-vored the State Depart-ment budget cut

vored the State Depart-ment budget cut. Pursell, and Broom-field, voted "yea." Bonior, Brodhead and Blanchard voted "nay." Ford did not vote.

SENATE
TAX CUT: On an essentially party-line vote of 52-33, the Senate killed a GOP-drafted ten percent across-the-board cut in individual income tax in individual lineare tax rates and the was to be tax rates and the was to be tax been accompanied by faster depreciation rates for plants and equipment. The vote came during debate on HR 7477, an airport taxation bill that was passed and sent to the White House. Sen. Robert Byrd, D. W.Va., a supporter of killing the plan, said "this is the Reagan amendment, the Reagan trickledown, make-the-richricher amendment."

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Sen, William Roth, RDel., a backer of the cut,
said the Republicans
"are proposing a fundamental shift in tax policy
— a policy based on lower marginal tax rates to
stimulate the supply side
of the economy."
Senators voting "nay"
favored the tax cut,
Democratic sens. Donald
Riegle and Carl Levin
voted "yea."

TENNESSEE-TOMBIGEE. The Senate defeat.

TENNESSEE-TOMBI-GEE. The Senate defeat-ed 36-47 an amendment to eliminate 558 billion included in a fiscal 1980 appropriations bill for the Tennessee-Tombigee Waterway. The bill was passed and sent to con-ference with the House. Paralleling the Mississipi River through Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississipi and Alabamia, the water-way is to provide a ship-

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ping route between the choice and Mississipi rivers. The project is expected to cost \$5 billion, of which nearly \$1 billion has been spent. Sen. Charles Percy, R. H. Charles Per

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them a favor."

Senators voting "nay" favored continued construction of the waterway. Riegle and Levin voted "nay."

REVENUE SHARING:
Ry a vote of 36-55, the

By a vote of 36-55, the Senate failed to sustain a \$572 million cut in fiscal 1980 revenue sharing outlays to state govern-ments. Thus the \$572 milments. Thus the \$572 mil-lion expenditure was ap-proved. The vote came during debate on an ap-propriations bill later passed and sent to con-ference with the House. Sen. William Prox-

mire, D-Wis., who sup-ported the cut, said "it makes little sense for the federal government, which is still in a deficit

which is still in a deficit position, to provide reve-nue sharing to the states, a majority of which are running substantial surpluses. "Sep. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn, an opponent, said: "Our economy has gone into a deep reces-sion which has created fi-nancial hardships for most state and local gov-ernments."

Riegle and Levin voted

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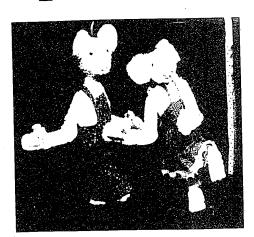
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