

House rejects \$100 million funding

roll call report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the days leading up to the congressional recess that began July 3.

HOUSE

LEAA: The House rejected 182-221 an amendment to spend \$100 million in fiscal 1981 on Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) grants to states and localities. Critics say that historically LEAA grants have wasted taxpayers' money on police gadgetry while doing little to cut the crime rate. The vote came during debate on an appropriations bill later passed and sent to the White House.

Supporter Robert McClory, R-Ill., said "it is time to stop the slow but increasingly successful attempt to murder the LEAA."

Opponent Robert Gialimo, D-Conn., said "LEAA is a program that ought to be chopped, terminated, killed."

Members voting "nay" were opposed to any money in the bill going for LEAA grants to states and localities.

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; David Bonior, D-MI; Clemens, William Brodhead, D-Detroit; James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge; and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham voted "yea." Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, voted "nay."

SENATE

COST-OF-LIVING HIKES: By a vote of 30-59, the Senate killed an amendment requiring that civil service retirees get only one cost-of-living increase each year. This means there will be a continuation of the present system of two annual hikes in civil service pensions to keep pace with inflation. In fiscal 1981, there will be just one increase. The vote came during debate on a budget bill passed and sent to conference with the House.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., a supporter of a single hike, said "at a time when the average American family is hard put to make ends meet... there is simply no justice in singling out the civilian federal retiree for a special and unmatched privilege."

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., an opponent, said: "We are talking about 1.6 million retired federal employees... and survivors of those employees who are actually going to get cut on the average of \$300 to \$400 a year" if the amendment becomes law.

Senators voting "yea" wanted civil service retirees to get one rather than two annual cost-of-living hikes. Democratic Sens. Donald Riegle and Carl Levin voted "yea."

JOBLESS PAY: The Senate rejected 27-60 an amendment that sought to make it easier for an individual to get extended unemployment benefits. Extended benefits are those paid for 13 weeks in high unemployment areas after the 26 weeks of regular jobless benefits run out.

The amendment sought to block legislation to deny extended benefits if the recipient has refused to accept a menial job. The vote came during debate on S 2885 (see preceding vote) which will impose the tougher eligibility requirement if it becomes law.

Supporter Riegle said, "The jobless workers in

Michigan and other states... need our help to tide them through this recession. This is no time to cut benefits."

Opponents of the amendment argued that a jobless person who has refused minimum wage work as "unsuitable" is undeserving of an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits.

Senators voting "nay" wanted to toughen eligibility requirements for extended unemployment compensation.

Levin voted "yea." Riegle did not vote.

TAX INDEXING: By a vote of 54-39, the Senate tabled and thus killed a proposal to adjust income tax rates, deductions and credits to account for inflation. Advocates say the plan would curb the "taxiflation" that results when inflation eats away at real income gains by pushing salaries and wages into higher tax brackets. The vote came during de-

bate on a debt ceiling measure later given final congressional approval.

Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., a supporter of killing the plan, said tax-indexing has met with "near disastrous" results in Brazil, and "would be a declaration by this body that we do not expect ever to bring the rate of inflation down and take it out of our system."

Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo., sponsor of the tax-indexing proposal, said: "The effect of taxation is to transfer wealth from the productive private sector to the government, which produces only rhetoric, red tape and oceans of red ink."

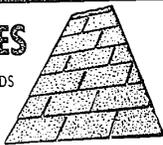
Senators voting "nay" favored the tax-indexing amendment. Levin and Riegle voted "yea."

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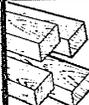
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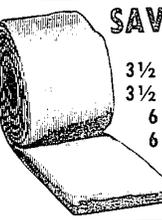
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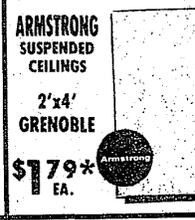
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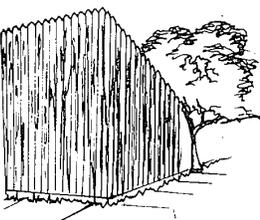


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NICK FELDMAN

Crusty cyclist thanks GOP

"A Thank You GOP From A Democrat," read the lettered sign sandwiching 74-year-old cyclist Nick Feldman.

Feldman, of Detroit, sat outside Cobo Hall bantering with reporters and passersby aboard his Paramount racing bike. He and Eddie Jones Jr. were riding around the convention center demonstrating their pride in the presence of the Republicans.

"This is really a shot in the arm for the city," said Feldman, who said he bikes 5,000 miles per year. "It's really bringing in the bucks, and that means a lot of people are working who wouldn't be otherwise."

A retired Chrysler worker, Feldman said he might break a 40-year allegiance to the Democratic party by voting for Reagan.

Reagan's age (69) certainly isn't a deterrent for Feldman. "I'm only four years older than he is and I'm still going strong," he said.

Still, Feldman cut quite a different figure with his long gray beard and flowing gray hair than Reagan — dark-haired, clean-cut and usually wearing a business suit.