

Senate OKs \$100 million to stimulate intl. trade

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes after returning from the Labor Day recess.

HOUSE

HEALTH RESEARCH — By a vote of 292-48, the House passed the Health Research Act of 1980, the most controversial feature of which was clamping of tighter congressional control over the National Institutes of Health. The NIH has 11 institutes, each of which conducts biomedical research into a disease or group of diseases. Presently, only two of the 11 must come to Congress periodically to get their funding authorizations renewed. The bill requires, in part, that the budgets of all 11 institutes receive annual scrutiny on Capitol Hill. The bill, which authorizes \$4.07 billion for the NIH in fiscal 1981, was sent to conference with the Senate.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., a supporter, refuted charges that the tighter budget control would politicize NIH research, saying "decisions regarding the kind of research and how it ought to be conducted are decisions to be made by scientists, not those in political office."

Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, an opponent, said frequent budget review poses the "danger of politicizing what has been to date a noncontroversial, broadly supported program."

Members voting yea favored final passage of the bill. Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted yea. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, voted nay.

Reps. William Ford, D-Taylor, and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, did not vote.

D.C. BUDGET — The House voted 218-144 to lower from

\$296.6 million to \$290.6 million the "federal payment" to the District of Columbia for fiscal 1981. The payment compensates D.C. for tax revenue it cannot collect on federal and foreign embassy property and for the special costs of administering the nation's capital. D.C. raises most of its operating budget with local taxes.

Rep. James Collins, R-Tex., a supporter, said: "When we have 21.2 percent of the budget for people to sit on welfare, we have a discouraging problem... Anybody in Washington, D.C., who wants to work on ditches, who wants to wash dishes, who wants to do any kind of basic job, can get a job tomorrow."

Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, an opponent, said the D.C. government has shown admirable restraint by cutting its payroll by 2,000 jobs, and said the House should not act "irresponsibly" by inflicting the \$5 million cut in the federal payment.

Members voting yea favored a 2 percent across-the-board cut in the federal payment to D.C.

Broomfield voted yea. Pursell, Ford, Brodhead and Blanchard voted nay. Bonior did not vote.

ABORTION — The House rejected, 182-192, an amendment to prohibit any federal money appropriated for the District of Columbia to be used to pay for abortions.

roll call report

Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif., the sponsor, said "abortion is the great moral issue of our day, as was chattel slavery in the last century... It is a national disgrace that the nation's capital (since 1975) has had more abortions than live births..."

Rep. Tim Lee Carter, R-Ky., an opponent of the amendment, said federal funding of abortions should be permitted when it's necessary to save the life of the mother or when rape or incest has occurred. "I ask you... to stand up and do what you would do if your own child were affected in this way," he told his colleagues.

Members voting yea wanted a total ban on federal funding of abortions in D.C.

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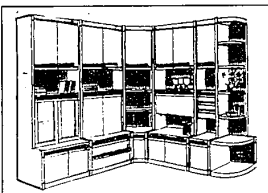
SENATE

BOOSTING U.S. EXPORTS — The Senate voted 64-13 in favor of spending \$100 million over five years to stimulate the development of private trading companies which would help U.S. companies sell abroad. This vote killed an attempt to delete the funding, to be funneled through the Economic Development Administration and the Small Business Administration. Those wanting to delete the money said the EDA and SBA should be able to find \$20 million a year in their basic operating budgets. The vote came during debate on a bill (S2718; later passed and sent to the House) which, in part, allows banks to invest in the trading companies.

Sen. Adlai Stevenson, D-Ill., a supporter of the \$100 million outlay, said the money would help to bring about "more profit for American industry and agriculture, a stronger balance of trade, and also more revenues for the federal government."

Senators voting yea wanted a special \$100 million outlay to provide financial assistance to trading companies to be formed as a result of S2718.

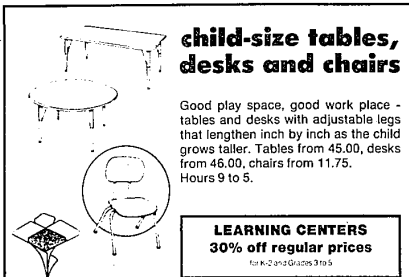
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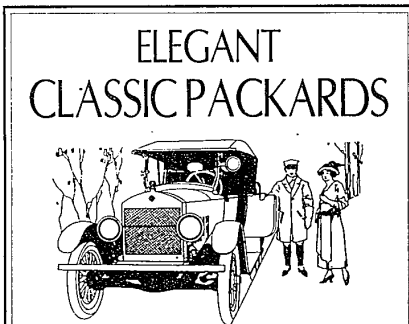


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