

# Report on funding bill with no-busing rider sent to Senate

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the days before the Thanksgiving recess.

## HOUSE

**SCHOOL BUSING** — By a vote of 240 for and 59 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate the conference report on an appropriations bill (HR 7584) that would, in part, prevent the Department of Justice from asking federal judges to order school busing. Administration officials say President Carter may veto the bill because of the anti-busing provision. The bill provides 1981 operating funds for the State, Justice and Commerce departments, the federal judiciary, and other agencies.

Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., a supporter, said Congress and the president should "let the courts decide the propriety of these provisions."

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., an opponent, said the busing language "may signal to the nation that the concept of equality of opportunity in education is a concept which we no longer value."

Members voting nay opposed the busing provision, although some opponents were contesting other aspects of the bill.

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted yea. Rep. William Ford, D-Westland, did not vote.

## roll call report

### SENATE

**CONSUMER OFFICE** — The Senate voted 39 for and 52 against to eliminate funding for the Agriculture Department's Office of Consumer Affairs. The office has a staff of three and a proposed 1981 budget of \$200,000. After Congress defeated President Carter's plan for a governmentwide consumer office in 1978, the president ordered each department to set up its own consumer staff. This vote occurred during debate on an agriculture appropriations bill (HR 7591) which was later passed and sent to conference with the House.

Sen. Henry Bellmon, R-Okla., a supporter of eliminating the office, said most Agriculture Department agencies protect consumers. "I see no reason to set another agency," he said.

Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., an opponent, said the office would "establish departmentwide policy and philosophy on involving consumers in decisions and programs."

Senators voting yea opposed the Agriculture Department's consumer office.

Sens. Donald Riegle and Carl Levin, both Democrats, voted nay.

**CROP INSURANCE** — By a vote of 38 for and 44 against, the Senate rejected an additional \$40 million outlay for advertising and other costs of imple-

menting the new federal crop insurance program. Federally subsidized crop insurance for farmers is to replace government disaster aid payments. An amendment including the additional money was offered to an appropriations bill (see vote above).

Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., a

supporter of the amendment, said: "It is very important that the program be implemented effectively and correctly because it is not unlike starting a business venture."

Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., an opponent, said such funding requests should not come at the last minute. "Even our rather hasty perusal of (the amendment) causes us to believe this is a less-than-perfect expenditure of \$50 million."

Senators voting yea favored the additional appropriation.

Levin voted yea and Riegle voted nay.

**SUPERFUND** — The Senate rejected, by 5 vote of 29 for and 50 against, an attempt to delay consideration of a bill (\$ 1480) providing \$1.5 billion to clean up toxic wastes at the nation's most hazardous dump sites. Opponents of the so-called Superfund wanted to block consideration of the measure on the Senate floor in order to preserve their bargaining power in behind-the-scenes negotiations. A compromise version of the bill, which levies a new

tax on the chemical industry, was later approved by a lopsided margin and sent to conference with the House.

Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., who favored delaying Senate action, said: "I express my regret that we apparently are at an impasse on this subject."

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., an opponent of delay, said the compromise bill "might represent a pretty fair consensus of the Senate."

Senators voting yea wished to delay the Superfund bill.

Riegle and Levin voted nay.

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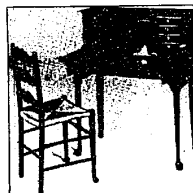
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