#### roll call report

### Inflation curb

## House passes GOP tax cut plan

Here's how area members of Congress were ecorded on major roll call votes July 23-29. HOUSE

GOP TAX VICTORY: By a vote of 238-195, the House approved the Republican tax cut bill and rejected the Democratic alternative. The GOP plan reduces all individual income tax GOP plan reduces all individual income tax ristles by 25 percent over three years, and in the fourth year begins indexing the tax code to offset tax hites caused by inflation. It aids cor-porations by allowing much faster depreciation write-offs, provides a host of benefits including a lower corporate tax rate for small businesses, and gives substantial tax breaks to those in the oil industry, particularly independent crude oil producer

producers. The rejected Democratic plan offered a two-year guaranteed individual tax cut with no in-dexing to counter inflation. The Democrats were more favorable to individuals earning \$40,000 or

more Taverable to individuals earning evolves to less annually. The bill, which was sent to conference with the Senate, will lower revenues by \$735 billion through fiscal 1985. Supporter Barber Conable, R. N. Y., said the GOP plan "is the legislation our country wants... A clear majority of American verse tabowed in November that they liked what Mr. Reagan said and wanted to give his program a chance."

Opponent Jim Wright D-Tex, said the GOP bill "is historic retrogression." "Combined with what we have already done, it does redistribute wealth upward from the bol-tom to the **kp**," Wright said. "It amounts to a logicap hot he past." Million and the past." Million and the goal that the GOP tax the same that the GOP tax

cut bill. Reps. (Carl Pursell, R-Piymouth, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voled "yea."-, Reps. David Bonior, D-Mount (Cieneas, Wil-liam Ford, D-Taylor, William Brodhead, D-De-troit, and James Blanchard, D-Mount Pleasant, voted "nay."

Vote: may. PROMOTING TOURISM: The House passed, 321-88, a bill expanding government efforts to bolster the U.S. lourism industry. The bill replaces the Commerce Department's U.S. Travel Service with a U.S. Travel and Tour-ism Administration, also in Commerce but led by an undersecretary with rank on a par with such officials as the heads of the Federal Re-serve Board and Office of Management and Budget. The agency's 1825 Undget is projected at \$65 million. The bill was sent to the Senate. Supporter Ion Santin, D-New, said the bill "will enhance greatly our ability to attract for-eign visitors to our shores to stimulate our econ-omy with foreign spending and reduce our bal-ance of payments deficit." Opponent Jack Brooks, D-Tex., said "this is

exactly the wrong time for us to be setting up a new bureaucracy to promote a private industry that seems to be doing a pericely adequate job of promoting itself." Members yoting "yea" wanted to create a tourism administration within the Commerce Department. Pursell, Bonior, Blanchatd and Broomfield voted "yea."

Ford and Brodhead voted "nav."

GUN ENFORCEMENT: The House voted 279-141 to block a \$5 million budget increase for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire-arms and to permit the administration to cut the bureau's staff. The bureau enforces federal statbureau's staff. The bureau enforces federal sta-utes governing fincarms, explosives, arson, and alcohol and cigarette tares. Conservatives con-tend it over-zealously enforces firearms laws. Rep. John Ashbrook, R-Ohlo, a supporter of blocking the budget increasy, urged colleagues to send a "clear message to (the bureau) to stop the intimidation of the average American."

Opponent Robert McClory, R-Ill., said "recent events should impress upon us the need to main-tain our firearms efforts. . . " Members voting "yea" favored curtailing the

bureau

Pursell and Blanchard voted "yea." Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and Broomfield voted "nav."

SENATE SENATE TAX CUT: By a vole of 89-11, the Senate en-dorsed a Republican-sponsored bill backed by President Reagan that will reduce income taxes by 25 percent over a 33-month beroid beginning Oct. 1. The bill contains most of the tax provi-sion approved earlier by the House. Differences, including the House bill's more favorable treatment of the el lindustry, will be worked out by a conference committee. Opponent Parite's Leaky, D-VL, said the bill "benefits those least in need of tax relief the most, and it fails to prodect the taxpayers most hart by inflation and Social Security tax increas-es".

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es." Senators voting "year" supported President Reagan's proposed tax cuts. Michigan's Democratic senators split their

McGigh's Jemocratic senators spit their vote. Sen. Donald Riegle voted "yea." Sen. Carl Levin voted "nay." TAX RECORDS: By a vote of 22-66, the Sen-ate retused to kill an amendment making it easi-er for federal prosecutors to obtain information on individual and corporate taxpayers from the R85. The amendment, offered to a tax kill, re-laxes standards for court orders permitting ac-cess to tax refurs and financial tecords or re-cords of larger corporations, or for individual or corporate financial data gathered by the IRS. The IRS also would be required to notify the Justice Department of criminal activity it dis-covers.

Justice Department, v. R.Conn, who supported scores. Sen. Lowell Weicker, R.Conn, who supported killing the amendment, called it "an unwise as-sault on the rights of privacy of largavers." Senators voices "to RFS tari information. Levin and Riegle voted "nay."

Oakland Community College trustees last week approved plans to spend up to \$355,000 for new equipment to mod-ernize its computer instruction pro-grams

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to 4555,000 for new equipment to mod-ernize its computer instruction pro-grams. The approval authorizes college ad-ministrators to seek bids on the pur-chase of a large quantity of computer hardware. If bids result in costs higher han the 455,000 id, trustees will be account of the second and the cost of the second and the cost of the second and the tractors say it is becoming obsoleta. The administrators' flam would use an existing central office IBM 4341 computer inited by leased telephone lines to newly purchased access equip-ment such as 76 keyboard style termi-nals, fast paper printers and mini-corgans. An advantage to the plan, administ-trators said, is adoption of new techhol-gy called a "uritual machine", or a

trators said, is adoption of new tockhol-ogy called a "virtual machine," or a system under which students would have access to certain parts of the cen-tral office IBM machine but would con-tinue to allow the college to use the rest of that machine to store sensitive rest of that machine to store sensitive data like payroll records. Students, the administrators said, could not access to sensitive data banks. No time limit was set to acquire bids.



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