

## roll call report

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

### HOUSE

**SAVINGS BONDS** — The House rejected, 182 for and 233 against, an amendment to prohibit the Treasury Department from promoting the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds. The vote occurred during debate on a FY 1982 appropriations bill (HR 4121) later passed and sent to the Senate. The amendment sought to delete \$13.5 million earmarked for bond promotion.

Supporter Forney Stark, D-Calif., said: "We are offering 8 percent in the name of patriotism. . . Why should we ask the poorest of the poor to take 8 percent? We are offering major corporations 10, 15 percent, on Treasury bills."

Opponent Carroll Campbell, R-SC, said passage of the amendment would "wipe something out in the name of fiscal austerity that in fact is a vehicle for many Americans to save."

Members voting "yea" wanted to ban promotion of U.S. Savings Bonds on grounds that low interest yields make them a bad investment.

Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, voted "yea."

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, David Bonior, D-MI, Clement, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, James Blanchard, D-Pleas. Ridge, William Broomfield, R-Birm., voted "nay."

**TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE** — By a vote of 198 for and 208 against, the House rejected an amendment to deny an additional \$189 million for the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway, estimated to cost nearly \$2 billion. The project, largest ever undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers, is a 232-mile waterway connecting the Tennessee

and Tombigbee rivers to provide a route for barges from the Appalachian coal fields to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. About \$1.5 billion already has been appropriated. The amendment was offered to an appropriations bill (HR 4144) later passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, a supporter of terminating the project, called it a "monument to the extravagance of the congressional pork barrel."

Rep. David Boren, D-Miss., an opponent of eliminating the funding, said: "It would be an environmental disaster if we tried to stop the project now. We would have the longest swamp in America."

Members voting "yea" opposed the Tennessee-Tombigbee project.

Pursell, Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard, Broomfield voted "yea."

Ford and Albosta voted "nay."

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS** — The House adopted, 337 for and 83 against, an amendment depriving the Internal Revenue Service of money to enforce regulations that deny tax-exempt status to private schools discriminating against minorities. A federal judge has approved IRS affirmative action regulations for private schools in Mississippi, and the policy may be extended nationwide. The vote came during debate on an appropriations bill (HR 4121) later passed and sent to the Senate.

Sponsor John Ashbrook, R-Ohio, said: "Liberal activists want racial quotas enforced in America's private schools, and they are looking for a way, any way, to get them imposed."

Opponent Millicent Fenwick, R-N.J., said: "We know that there are schools that have been set up deliberately in defiance of the law designed to end segregation and to give an equal opportunity for education to all children."

Members voting "yea" opposed using

IRS tax-exemption regulations to integrate private schools.

Pursell, Ford, Blanchard, Broomfield voted "yea."

Brodhead voted "nay."

Bonior did not vote.

### SENATE

**MARRIAGE PENALTY** — By a vote of 35 for and 57 against, the Senate rejected a more rapid reduction of the so-called marriage penalty that requires couples to pay higher taxes than they would pay if single. The tax-out bill (HR 4242), later signed by President Reagan, provides couples with a special tax deduction of up to \$1,500 in 1982 and up to \$3,000 in 1983. This amendment would have permitted the \$3,000 deduction a year earlier.

Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., sponsor of the amendment, said Congress should "avoid tax distortions of America's basic choices such as whether or not to marry."

Opponent Slade Gorton, R-Wash., said the amendment should be rejected "in order to reach a balanced budget as soon as possible."

Senators voting "yea" favored a quick remedy for the marriage penalty.

Sens. Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegle, D, voted "yea."

**ELDERLY TAX CREDIT** — The Senate rejected, 44 for and 50 against, an amendment that would have increased the existing tax credits for the retirement incomes of persons over 65 years of age. Although Social Security payments are not taxable, other pension benefits are subject to income tax. This amendment to the Senate's version of the tax-out bill (see vote above) would have increased the maximum credit on retirement income from \$375 to \$450 for single persons and from \$562 to \$675 for couples.

Supporter Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said that "when we are lowering taxes for the wealthiest individuals in this country, we should bring retirees up to some degree of equity and fairness."

Opponent Steven Symms, R-Idaho, said the amendment "does not comply with the intention of this tax measure" to encourage economic productivity and growth.

Senators voting "yea" favored increasing tax credits for retirement income.

Levin and Riegle voted "yea."

## MDOT has land for sale

Twenty-four parcels of excess state highway property in three counties will be offered for sale at public auction Sept. 19 in Southfield by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The auction will begin at 2 p.m. in Room 115 of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen. The properties are in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

A brochure containing sketches, descriptions and locations of the parcels may be obtained from MDOT's right-of-way field office, 12800 W. Ten Mile Road, Huntington Woods, or calling 545-5322.

Here are general descriptions and minimum opening bids for the larger parcels:

• 22,300 square feet in Southfield, on the west side of West Service Drive off Southfield Freeway (M-39), between Greenwald and Midway roads; \$5,000.

• 9,446 square feet, improved with commercial building at 173 S. Forman, Detroit, adjacent to the I-75-Rouge River Bridge; \$14,500.

• 7,200 square feet in St. Clair Shores, southeast corner of Larchmont Avenue and the connector road to Grant Street, just southeast of the I-94 and I-596 interchange; \$5,900.

• 2,760 square feet with a one story frame house at 13459 Orleans Avenue, northeast of the I-75-Davidson interchange in Detroit; \$5,000.

## Store food properly

Don't throw away the food that's in the refrigerator just prior to your vacation.

With a little special handling you can save it for your return, says Lois Thieleke, of the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service. Food costs money. Knowing how to store food properly for a short or long period of

time will help save money.

Perishable fruits and vegetables can be frozen. Milk can be frozen in freezer containers, allowing room for expansion. When you return thaw it in refrigerator. Freezing may affect the flavor and appearance, but can be used for cooking and baking. Storage time is one month.

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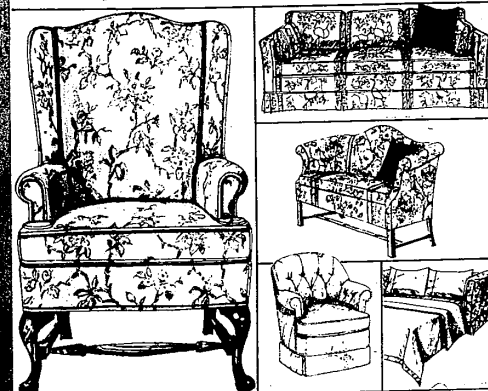
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