

# roll call report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes May 20-26.

**USED CARS** — By a vote of 286 for and 133 against, the House vetoed a proposed Federal Trade Commission rule to require used car dealers to put a sticker on cars alerting prospective buyers to any major defect the dealer is aware of. The Senate also vetoed the rule and the proposal is now dead. The veto resolution was S Con Res 60.

Supporter Bill Emerson, R-Mo., said that under the rule "consumer will end up paying a higher price on a used car, taxpayers will end up with the cost of additional FTC personnel . . . and the problem of the sale of unsafe used vehicles will not be solved."

Opponent Robert Garcia, D-N.Y., said the FTC rule "requires honesty on the part of the dealers in their dealing with the buyer."

Members voting "Yea" were opposed to the FTC used-car rule. Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; William Ford, D-Taylor; James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge; and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham voted "yea."

Rep. David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens and William Broadhead, D-Detroit, voted "nay."

**1983 BUDGET** — The House rejected, 182 for and 242 against, an amendment to balance the fiscal 1983 budget, primarily by freezing virtually all spending at 1982 levels. The vote came during debate on the 1983 budget blueprint (H Con Res 345) that will guide the House and Senate in later action on specific spending bills. The major Democratic and Republican blueprints, on which final action had not been taken, proposed deficits in the \$100 billion neighborhood.

Sponsor John Rousselot, R-Calif., said his balanced-budget amendment would send "the strongest signal to both Main Street and Wall Street and will be a tremendous incentive to bring down interest rates."

Opponent David Obey, D-Wisc., said "this amendment does not get us to a balanced budget. It is not based on real numbers . . . It is based on fabricated assumptions" of projected revenue.

Members voting "yea" thought the Rousselot amendment would eliminate a fiscal 1983 budget deficit.

Broomfield voted "yea."

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Broadhead and Blanchard voted "nay."

**CUTTING DEFENSE** — The House rejected, 128 for and 186 against, an amendment to cut FY 1983 defense outlays by \$7.5 billion and raise \$15 billion in new revenue by imposing an excise tax on luxury items such as furs,

jewelry and wagering. This was to have lowered the projected 1983 debt to \$79.5 billion — \$22.5 billion less than the anticipated deficit in the Administration-backed "Latta plan" for the 1983 budget. The vote occurred during debate on the 1983 budget blueprint (see preceding vote).

Sponsor Chalmers Wylie, R-Ohio, said the Administration's defense request must be cut because "Frankly, I do not think the Defense Department can spend that much money wisely."

Opponent either disliked the cut in defense spending or objected to establishing a new tax without benefit of Ways and Means Committee hearings.

Members voting "yea" wanted to lower the deficit by cutting defense outlays and taxing the sale of luxury items and wagering taxes.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Broadhead and Blanchard voted "yea."

Broomfield voted "nay."

**SENATE**

**RAISING TAXES** — The Senate rejected, 32 for and 68 against, an amendment to repeal the third installment of the three-year personal income tax cut approved last year by congress. Left intact by this vote is the 10 percent across-the-board cut in individual income tax rates that is scheduled to take effect in July 1983. Supporters of the amendment, mostly Democrats, said foregoing the cut would save the Treasury \$107.2 billion to be used to cut the staggering budget deficit, while opponents said the cut is indispensable to the president's economic recovery program. The vote occurred during debate on the FY 1983 budget plan (S Con Res 92), later sent to the House, that limits spending at \$784 billion and projects an annual deficit of \$116 billion.

Supporter Charles Mathias, R-Md., said it was necessary to repeal the third-year tax cut because, contrary to expectations, the president's tax-cut strategy has failed to regain the confidence of the financial markets or stimulate industrial productivity.

Opponent Mack Mattingly, R-Ga., said the Senate lacks "the guts" to trim politically-popular entitlement programs, and that it is therefore unjust for depriving individuals of lower taxes.

Senators voting "nay" wanted to retain the third installment of the cut in individual income tax rates.

Sen. Carl Levin, D, voted "yea."

Sen. Donald Riegle, D, voted "nay."

**UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** — By a vote of 52 for and 42 against, the Senate tabled and thus killed an amendment to the 1983 budget blueprint (see preceding vote) providing 12 more weeks of unemployment benefits

for the jobless. This sought to lengthen the eligibility period for unemployment checks to 52 weeks in states having at least 8 percent unemployment (about 30 states). The projected cost was \$1.2 billion.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kans., who voted to kill the amendment, said "I just do not believe we have the extra billion dollars to pay for the program in the next fiscal year."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who supported the additional 12 weeks of unemployment pay, said "there is a serious need for this kind of commitment to the unemployed working men and women of this country."

Senators voting "nay" wanted the jobless to get up to 52 weeks of unemployment checks.

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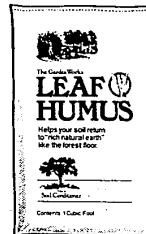
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