

roll call report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes July 22-28.

HOUSE

NERVE GAS — The House adopted, 232 for and 181 against, an amendment to prevent the U.S. from manufacturing nerve gas for chemical warfare. The vote deleted \$54 million from the fiscal 1983 defense authorization bill that was earmarked for resuming nerve gas production, which was suspended by President Nixon in 1969. The \$17.1 billion military spending bill (HR 6030) was headed for final passage and conference with the Senate.

Supporter Ed Bethune, D-Ark., said "peace-loving people all over the world agree with the American stand against biological and chemical weapons. They know that poison gases kill and maim more civilians than soldiers."

Opponent Richard White, D-Texas, said the U.S. needs a chemical warfare capability to deter the Soviet Union from using its chemical weapons against western forces. "This is the real world, not the world we would like it to be," he said.

Members voting "yea" opposed U.S. development of nerve gas for chemical warfare.

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens; William Ford, D-Taylor; William Brodhead, D-

Detroit, James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge; and William Brodhead, R-Birmingham, voted "yea."

DRAFT EVADERS — The House amended to deny federal student loans to young men who fail to register for the draft. An estimated 500,000 to 700,000 youths have failed to sign up, many of whom now get or plan to apply for government education loans. The amendment was attached to HR 6030 (see preceding vote).

Supporter Thomas Hartnett, R-S.C., said "the Chinese laundry operator had an old saying, 'no ticks, no laundry.' I think the American people expect their young men, if they are going to receive financial assistance from this government, to at least abide by the laws of this land."

Opponents said the amendment discriminated against poor and middle-class youth who depend on student loans, and that the law already contains penalties for draft evaders. Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., said one reason for the high non-registration rate is that millions of Americans "feel that this (draft) law is absurd and useless."

Members voting "yea" favored cutting off federal school loans to draft evaders.

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

HIGHER TAXES — By a vote of 208 for and 197 against, the House accepted without change the Senate-passed bill (HR 4961) generating \$99 billion in new tax revenue between fiscal 1983-85 while cutting domestic spending by \$17 billion over the three years. This was largely a political maneuver by the Democratic-controlled House to saddle Republicans, who control the Senate, with the stigma of having raised taxes in an election year. GOP critics said the House's failure to pass its own tax bill violated the constitutional requirement that all revenue-raising measures originate in the House. The bill is now in House-Senate conference.

Supporter Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said that while he had "deep personal misgivings" about the unorthodox legislative procedure, "the severe economic distress and volatile political environment... dictate that we travel this route."

Opponent John Roussetot, R-Calif., said supporters were "totally abandoning the Constitution" while approving a foot-and-a-half thick bill that few if any House members had read.

Members voting "yea" supported the Senate-authored revenue bill.

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

SENATE

WITHHOLDING — By a vote of 47 for and 50 against, the Senate rejected an amendment to block a new procedure for collecting taxes on interest and dividend income. The vote left intact a requirement that financial institutions withhold 10 percent of such income they pay to virtually all individuals except the poor and the elderly. This would not increase anybody's tax liability, but it would increase federal revenues by about \$12 billion over the next three years by insuring collections from tax cheaters who fail to report dividend and interest income under the present system. Presently, taxpayers are expected to pay dividend and interest taxes annually when they file their returns with the IRS. Under the new provision, taxpayers would at the end of the year pay and dividend and interest income taxes they owe in addition to the 10 percent already withheld.

The vote occurred during debate on a bill (HR 4961) to raise \$99 billion in new taxes between fiscal 1983-85 while cutting \$17 billion in domestic spending. The bill was later passed and sent to the House.

Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., who wanted to block the withholding provision, said the new collection procedure is "a disincentive toward savings and investment" that would place a heavy

paperwork burden on the IRS and financial institutions.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., who opposed the amendment, said "the case for withholding is based on the premise that no one has the right to cheat on taxes."

Senators voting "nay" wanted taxes to be withheld from interest and dividend income.

Sen. Donald Reigle, D, voted "yea." Sen. Carl Levin, D, voted "nay."

THREE-MARTINI LUNCH — The Senate adopted, 57 for and 40 against, an amendment reducing by half the tax deduction for business meals. Presently, the full cost may be deducted. Under the amendment, only half the cost of meals eaten in the taxpayer's home area is deductible. The deduction while traveling remains at 100 percent. The amendment, attached to HR 4961 (see preceding vote), is designed to raise \$2.8 billion annually.

Sponsor Bob Dole, R-Kan., said that under present law "unfairness and abuse result... because meal and entertainment deductions are allowed for expenses that are essentially for the personal benefit and enjoyment" of business and businesswomen.

Opponent George Mitchell, D-Maine, said he would prefer raising about \$3 billion by deferring the third year of the personal income tax cut for people earning at least \$150,000 annually.

Senators voting "yea" wanted to have the tax deduction for business meals.

Reigle voted "yea." Levin voted "nay."

TAX HIKES — The Senate passed, 50 for and 47 against, a bill (HR 4961; see preceding votes) that is the largest peacetime tax increase in U.S. history. Weight against corporations and wealthy individuals, and concentrating on more efficient collection of existing taxes, the bill would raise \$20.9 billion in fiscal 1983 and \$99 billion between 1983-85. The bill also cuts spending for Medicare and welfare by \$17 billion over the three years. It was written by the GOP-controlled Finance Committee and virtually all of the votes against it were cast by Democrats.

Supporter Steven Symms, R-Idaho, said that while this marked his first vote ever in favor of a tax bill, he viewed the measure as necessary to reduce the national deficit and as legislation that stresses "the basic objective of fairness to the American people."

Opponent Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., said it would have been preferable to repeal some of the massive tax cuts enacted last year "rather than adding 700 pages of new tax law to our already complex and convoluted tax code."

Senators voting "yea" supported the tax-hike legislation.

Reigle and Levin voted "nay."

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