roll call report

House rejects promotion of organic farming

Here's how area members of Congress were re-corded on major roll call votes prior to the Labor Day recess.

ORGANIC FARMING: The House defeated 189-198 a bill requiring the Department of Agriculture to promote farming methods that reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The bill would have required establishment of six organic farming pilot projects and other measures at an annual cost of \$2 million.

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Rep. James Weaver, D-Ore, sponsor of the bill, and attended the second of the second of the billion and pest control will become vital "as oil grows more scarce and nitrogen tertilizers from fossil fuels become more scarce."

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Opponent Joepeh Skeen, R-N.M., called the measure "an ill-advised move to study the principles of organic agriculture that have been studied and studied since the beginning of time."

Members voting "yea" favored government promotion of organic farming.

Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Bord, D-Detroit and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, voted "yea."

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmigham, voted "aay."

"nay."

Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, did not vote.

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH: By a vole of
244-153, the House voted to continue funding for
Environmental Protection Agency research at the
current level of \$277.9 million per year. The
Reagan administration had proposed a \$25 million
cut. The vote came one an amendment to an EPA
research authorization bill (IRI 6233) later passed
and sent to conference with the Senate.
Rep. James Scheuer, D.N.Y., who supported the
higher funding level, said the administration's prosed cut would result in "more pollution and a
deterioration in environmental quality and public
health."

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Opponent William Careny, R-N.Y., said EPA is wiling to "pare down, tighten up and improve quality and efficiency."

Members voting "yea" supported high funding

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Members voting "yea" supported high funding for EPA research than the administration had re-

quested.
Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and Blanchard voted

"yea." Pursell and Broomfield voted "nay."

DEFENSE FUNDS: By a vote of 251-148, the House passed and sent to President Reagan a \$177.9 billion defense spending measure for fiscal 1983. The administration originally requested an authroization of \$183.5 billion. The bill also includ-Management

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ed \$182 million in additional defense funds for fis-cal 1982.

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Supporter William Dickinson, R-Ala., siad the spending is "an adequate amount to continue the rebuilding of our military strength."

Opponent Mike Lowry, D-Wash, said "military spending cuts are an essential part of a responsible fiscal policy which will reduce record-high deficits and lead to economic recovery."

Members voting "nay" thought the defense outlaw was too high.

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

nay." Ford did not vote.

DEFENSE BILL: The Senate passed, 77-21, and sent to the House the final version of the \$177.9 billion defense authorization bill (s 2248) for the next fiscal year. (See preceding House vote.)

Supporter Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., said that bill begins the process of correcting "the defense imbalance that resulted from the fiscal neglect of our security requirements over the past decade." Opponent William Proximire, D-Wils, said "this bill is of unacceptable size given our economic situation."

ation."
Senators voting "yea" favored the defense bill.
Sens. Carl Levin, and Donald Riegle, both Democrats, voted "nay."

Milliken names OU posts

Gov. William Milliken recently announced the expaniations of two total and County residents to the Oakland County residents to the Oakland University Board of Control.
Patricia B. Hartman of Birmingham and Ken Morris of Troy were appointed to terms expiring Aug. 11, 1990, subject to Senate confirmation.
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