

roll call report

Broomfield, Hertel buck 'paperwork' measure

Here's how area members were recorded on major roll call votes in closing days of the 97th Congress.

HOUSE

IMMIGRATION: The House rejected, 110 for and 213 against, an amendment to a bill (HR 7357) aimed at stemming the flow of illegal aliens into the United States.

The amendment largely was an effort to protect the rights of U.S. citizens who can't get a seasonal farm job because an alien already has filled the position. At the same time, it placed a paperwork burden on employers.

The measure was backed by the civil rights lobby and opposed by agriculturalists. It requires employers to keep written records of all who apply for work so that complaints of discrimination could be traced more easily. It went beyond pending language that required records to be kept only on those individuals actually hired. HR 7357, the first major reform of U.S. immigration laws since 1952, later died with the 97th Congress.

Supporter Robert Garcia, D-N.Y., said the amendment "is actually the heart

of the entire immigration bill as it pertains to the potential for discrimination."

Opponent Robert Badham, R-Calif., said the amendment would create a field day for "the civil rights folks," and he added that "it's about time somebody spoke up for the employer in this country and said that enough is enough."

Members voting yes wanted the immigration reform bill to require added record-keeping by employers to facilitate later checks of claims of discrimination. Voting yes: William Ford, D-Taylor, and William Brodhead, D-Troy.

Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, and Dennis Hertel, D-Troy (whose district includes part of Troy).

Not voting: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge.

HISTORIAN: By a vote of 230 for and 97 against, the House gave itself a history office to make sure the House is properly recognized during the 1989 commemoration of the 200th birthday of the U.S. government.

The yet-to-be named historian and

staff are to be temporary employees who would leave the government payroll after 1989.

Critics noted, however, that "temporary" congressional offices have a way of becoming permanent.

This vote reversed a September vote to prevent adding a historian to the House bureaucracy. The Senate has a historian who is paid \$46,855 annually.

Advocates of a House historian said the office would not have a specific appropriation and would be funded out of "contingency" accounts. Critics said that still is a drain on the Treasury.

Supporter James Quillen, R-Tenn., said that although "the image of the House is at a very low ebb" the historian "will come up with a program that will help us re-establish the great image that this body deserves."

Opponent Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, called the office "foolish" and said "the House has lived without this type of an office, gotten by all these years, and saved the taxpayers some money."

Members voting yes wanted to create the office of House historian.

Voting yes: Ford, Hertel, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield.

SENATE

TAXES AND TRUCKS: By a vote of 54 for and 33 against, the Senate passed and sent to the president a bill (HR 6311) raising the federal gasoline tax a nickel per gallon.

The bill requires states to permit the entry of larger trucks and raises user fees for heavy trucks. Its goal is to create some 200,000 jobs via bridge and highway repairs to be financed by the higher gas tax.

Trucks up to 80,000 pounds, 102 inches wide and 75 feet long in double-trailer rigs will be assured access to interstates in all states and to state and federal roads feeding the interstates.

Provisions increasing the gas tax and truck sizes will take effect in April.

Senators voting yes favored the bill.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., voted yes.

Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., did not vote.

PAY HIKE: The Senate refused, 24 for and 71 against, to table (kill) an amendment to repeal the 1981 law that permits pay hikes for senators and House members to take effect automatically unless Congress acts to block the raise.

The measure also would have blocked the 15-percent pay hike that House members recently approved for themselves.

The vote occurred during debate on the stopgap appropriations bill (HR 631) that funds much of the government through next September.

Despite this vote, the repeal later was voided on a parliamentary ruling, and the 1981 law remains unchanged.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who

voted to kill the repeal, said it was wrong to legislate through an appropriations bill.

Sen. J.J. Exon, D-Nebr., who wanted to repeal the 1981 congressional salary law, said that if senators want a raise "we should stand up on the floor of the Senate and vote... up or down."

Senators voting no wanted to repeal the law providing automatic pay hikes for members of Congress. Both Levin and Riegle voted no.

Benefits for disabled protected appeal

Legislation to protect thousands of disabled workers from being unfairly deprived of their disability benefits will soon go to President Reagan for his signature.

The legislation sponsored by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and co-sponsored by Sen. William S. Cohen, R-Maine, provides that persons whose disability payments are terminated will continue to receive their benefits so long as an appeal they make is under review.

"This fiscal year, even if the promised slow down of reviews takes place, 600,000 persons in the disability program will be subject to review. Of that number, about 45 percent will be terminated, and 50 percent of those terminated will appeal."

Levin, the ranking minority member of the Governmental Affairs Oversight Committee which held hearings on the problem earlier this year, said:

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WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
"They gotta be kidding!" Laszlo Pobutnik, *Gun & Track*.
"My wife divorced me after I took her to last year's sale...you figure it out!" Noracum Schellepps, *Glove Digast*.
"For the love of Mike...not again!" "Doc" Alexandrovich, *Garage Beautiful*.

TROY

King Arthur meets Thomas Edison in these outrageous 21st Century electrified Wall Scones. The style says Middle Ages, the over-abundance of rust and dirt says authentic.
Reg. \$189.95 ea. Now \$99 ea.

A couple of chic young Pakistani designers frisked preppy every square inch of bleeding Madras fabric this side of the Ganges River, then turned a nice profit to Heritage who turned it into a \$70 lovefest.
Reg. \$1399 Now \$699

Drexel Sofa & Loveseat. Take a van load of Schellfort plants suffering from root-rot and throw them in a puddle of brewing sludge and you'll end up with an outrageous pattern like this. As if the pattern wasn't enough, it was buffed to a super-high gloss finish.
Reg. \$2403 Now \$1588

Drexel White-on-White Host Chair. Fully upholstered arms, legs, face, buttocks, the whole shebang. If you're the type that drives a fully-carpeted Eldorado, this baby's for you.
Reg. \$519 Now \$199

Contemporary Split Rattan Cocktail Table. It's very...well...different-looking. A cross between Cambodian Provincial and Industrial Modern. Has two chrome drawers, a chrome base and not much else.
Reg. \$985 Now \$399

Heritage Sofa & Loveseat. Big, bulky and blotched-looking—the Daily Portion of furniture. Bright green fabric features herd of attack parakeets—a cross between Jack Miner's and Halloway. Part II.
Reg. \$3090 Now \$1995

Traditional Heritage Sofa & Loveseat. Features swamp flora on blood-red background that's not for the squeamish. Made from dropcloths at a makeshift plant. Lime green velvet walling acts as a handy night light.
Both Reg. \$3370 Now \$1795

Taste takes a holiday—this bedroom set features ever-popular tan Kaughayde boxspring bed (easily cleaned by hosing down), 2 armchairs and a lightbulb-Joe. Looks like a storage chest from a tool & die shop.
Reg. \$2987 Now \$1895

Heritage contemporary blue velvet chair with colonial-style arms. Picked up at a blue light special in the red light district, these chairs have to be seen to be believed. Will someone please buy these chairs and put us out of our misery?
Reg. \$795 Now \$395 ea.

Drexel's El Cetera Room Divider. Ultra-narrow and tall as the World Trade Center—you'll need six foot stilts to get at the top shelf. Vintage Chestnut finish on all but two sides—perfect for the handyman who happens to own a paint can.

Complete with light, three adjustable shelves, two drawers and open back (so you'll be picking up knick knacks on both sides of your room).
Reg. \$585 Now \$299

TROY

Banana-pool yellow Heritage Chair, revelling enough to trip up the most treacherous of toddlers. For a good chuckle come in and take a gander at this "piece"—you can't miss it (and neither will we once it's out of our store).
Reg. \$679 Now \$299

Heritage Cock-fighting Chair—honestly, folks—that's what it's called. An exotic blend of staid English and Tijuana Taxi. Violent red velvet covers it, the subject of a recent A.S.P.C.A. inquiry.
Reg. \$943 Now \$399

Drexel Contemporary Lounge Chair with Ottoman. So this is what they do with diseased Asian cobras—make fabric out of 'em. Comes with 4-gly radical casters. If nothing else, at least you get a lot of chair for your money.
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Drexel Charwell End Table. Named after Winston Churchill's country home or Benny Hill's outhouse. Light Oak finish, brass-brush hardware and knobby legs and base.
Reg. \$399 Now \$199

9-piece Country French Dining Room. So this is the thanks we get for bailing the French out of two world wars. Set includes oval table, china cabinet, two high arm chairs and four high side chairs. It's kind of strange-looking, but what do you expect from a people who worship Jerry Lewis?
Reg. \$5724 Now \$3375

90" Lemon Yellow Sofa. This "mellow yellow" sofa back for round three in our Goofs Sale. If it doesn't sell this year, we're sending it into outer space. If there's a lie out there, this sofa'll be sent back postage due in a few years.
Reg. \$2314 Now \$799

Queen-size Woodbriar I Panel Headboard. Another one from DeLafayette, The Lawrence Welk of the furniture world. Features nondescript Pican finish.
Reg. \$439 Now \$199

It's hard to believe a company like Heritage would risk their reputation by making a sofa this hideous. A vine-fall of spic and span nautical color flowers thrown against a velvet painting of some Flamenco dancers. Really quite striking—and if this isn't gone soon, we'll be striking too.
Reg. \$1545 Now \$299

Queen-sized Gilt Finish Headboard from the Drexel El Cetera Collection. Das Boot meets Mary Poppins in this wacky woodpecker of a headboard. Features a Victorian dorkyness. It's the headboard to end all headboards, and we hope to God it ends up in your home.
Reg. \$599 Now \$249

Green Leather Chair from Heritage. Boy, is this chair solid-looking. Think as the walls of Fort Wayne—great for baroque target practice. With casters.
Reg. \$1153 Now \$599

Forecast Barrel Chair. "The Pride of American Standard." This toilet bowl look-a-like is too funny for words. It's on a swivel with a memory return, and we'll have to remember to return it if it doesn't sell.
Reg. \$595 Now \$299

SOUTHFIELD

Chaise Longue...the Wrath of Kahan. A reject from the latest Star Trek offering and one look will tell you why. It's just slightly smaller than Solovite and comes with peach and grey-streaked fabric that appears to be the result of a prank by the Kattentammer Kious.
Reg. \$2278 Now \$998

Selig Sled-based Wicker Chairs. Lash some old exercise mats to a wicker director's chair and this is what you end up with. Not unlike a malformed Dit O' Honey bar with a hormone imbalance.
Reg. \$599 Now \$279

Henredon Barrel Chair. Features T-cushion that rates a D- and stage your own living room demolition derby. Peach colored velvet is really the glue.
Reg. \$677 Now \$399

Double Ottoman Sleeper opens into full size bed. This thing is big enough to land an F-16 on it. Mallard prints on fabric—ideal for Boy Scouts trying to earn a nature merit badge.
Reg. \$995 Now \$495

5-piece Serpentine Sectional with quilt camel cover. Looks like the monster from "The Earthworm That Ate Manhattan." Paint a couple eyes on one end and your pet will never set foot in your living room again.
Reg. \$5500 Now \$2495

Thayer-Coggin Chaise that opens into a full sized sleeper. Probably was a nice off-white piece of furniture before some demented soul took an ink soaked whip to it. Two pillows have a whole herd of penguins (the animals) on them.
Reg. \$1099 Now \$599

Display Case by Thomasville. NASA recently unloaded a truck-load of fuel tanks from the Columbia. Some swinging Soviet Bloc designer re-fitted them and voila—a 31st Century display case. Rosewood finish, touch control, hammer awitch and plenty of smoked glass—so you'll ruin your peepers trying to look inside.
Reg. \$1995 Now \$995

Two gentlemen came in and ordered this 11-piece Henredon Dining Room. They came back sober, saw what they ordered and shipped town. Set includes buffet, extension table, six side chairs and two arm chairs. One fancy pile of lumber (about 25 cords worth).
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