

roll call report

House renews committees on drugs, families

Here's how area US representatives were recorded on major roll call votes during the opening weeks of the 98th Congress. The Senate had no contested votes.

DRUG PANEL: The House voted, 290 for and 77 against, to keep the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control in existence for two more years.

The "temporary" panel was created in 1977 to last two years, but every Congress since then has kept it alive. At issue over the years has been

whether the panel does vital work or is a useless appendage of the House bureaucracy. At least 14 standing committees also have drug jurisdiction.

This year, the committee is to get six more members (to a total of 25) and a budget of \$689,000 (up from \$540,000 in 1982). As a select committee, it has oversight authority but cannot legislate.

Supporter Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the committee chairman, said, "Parents, educators, states, local and private organizations in drug abuse, as well as the law enforcement communi-

ty, have urged that . . . the work of the select committee continue."

Opponent Thomas Bliley, R-Va., said the panel does "almost nothing" to combat drugs and represents "a growing bureaucracy, foreign junkies and shameless self-promotion that we should all condemn."

Members voting yes favored keeping the committee in existence.

Voting yes: William Ford, D-Taylor; Sander Levin, D-Southfield; Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit; William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Not voting: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

COMMITTEE FOR KIDS: The House voted, 312 for and 69 against, to create the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, at an annual budget of about \$500,000. The panel is without legislative authority and is slated to be dissolved after two years.

Supporter Tony Hall, D-Ohio, said that jurisdiction over children's issues is scattered among 13 standing committees. He argued that this panel will provide "the much-needed mechanism to coordinate congressional action to address the problems of childhood and adolescence."

Opponent Judd Gregg, R-N.H., called the new panel a costly level of bureaucracy that will "probably come to no definitive results which would not have been reached by the 13 committees that have already addressed this issue."

Members voting yes wanted to establish the children's committee.

Voting Yes: Ford, Hertel and Levin. Not voting: Pursell and Broomfield.

RIDERS: On a party-line vote of 158 for and 250 against, the House rejected a motion dealing with legislative rules for the 98th Congress.

Failure of the motion left intact a Democratic proposal making it more difficult to attach riders to appropriations bills. In recent years, such riders have been used most frequently by conservatives seeking to advance their views on abortion, school prayer and other social issues.

Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., supported the motion to block the rules change. He said riders on appropriations bills are necessary to control "the wasteful spending habits of this body."

Opponent Jim Wright, D-Texas, said authorization — rather than appropriations — bills are the rightful vehicle for making substantive changes in the law.

Members voting no favored fewer riders on appropriations bills.

Voting yes: Broomfield. Voting no: Hertel, Ford and Levin. Not voting: Pursell.

NOMINEE: The Senate confirmed, 81 for and 11 against, the nomination of Richard Burt, a New York Times reporter before he joined the Reagan administration's State Department, as assistant secretary to state for European affairs.

Critics saw Burt as too liberal. Citing his 1979 Times story about the classified U.S. spy satellite program, they questioned his ability to protect sensitive information. The article was based on secret data leaked to Burt.

Senators voting yes supported Burt's nomination were Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, both D-Mich.

outdoors

Dog shows, nature walks beat 'blahs'

Things to do when it's too early in the season to fish trout and too snowless to ski or track game:

Visit the all-breed all-obedience trial of Sportmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit this Sunday at Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward south of Eight Mile, Detroit.

Judging starts at 9 a.m. and continues until late afternoon in eight rings of the Community Arts Building.

Some 285 dogs are entered, club spokesman Mira Jilbert of Troy tells us. An excellent panel of top judges from Michigan and three neighboring states will officiate at the AKC-licensed trial. General admission is \$2; kids and senior citizens \$1.

DOG BREEDERS Registry of Michigan will have its all-breed show Sunday, March 6, in the Michigan Mart Building of the State Fairgrounds. Judging starts at 9 a.m. for working and herding dogs.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 28, according to Charlotte Perrin, 21881 Bellwood Drive, Woodhaven 48183. Cost of pre-entries is \$4. Show entry information is available locally from Terri Lambie at 476-3214 or 476-7320.

OAKLAND COUNTY Parks have nature, snow and marketing events this weekend.

• Night creatures will be the subject of a nature interpretation program 7:30-9 p.m. Friday at Independence Oaks County Park, Sashabaw Road 2½ miles north of I-75 at Clarkston. Naturalist Kathleen Dougherty will lead the tour on cross country skis, weather permitting. Meet at the boathouse, bring your own skis and snack. To register, call the parks office at 858-0903 during business hours.

• The 1983 snow rush ski race has been rescheduled for this Saturday at Springfield Oaks County Park — again, weather permitting. Races for experienced skiers begin at 11 a.m.; for novices, 2 p.m. Awards will be in 14 age-skill categories. Springfield Oaks' golf course is on Andersonville Road near Hall Road in Davisburg. For entry prices and information, call the county parks office at 858-0906.

• Snow or no, winter sports lovers can sell or swap snowmobiles and snowmobile equipment from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at Addison Oaks County Park, W. Romeo Road nine miles north of Rochester in Addison Township.

Except for the ski race, events are free, but there is a park admission of \$2.50 per vehicle for Oakland residents and \$4 for non-residents. Pack your car full of friends and save money.

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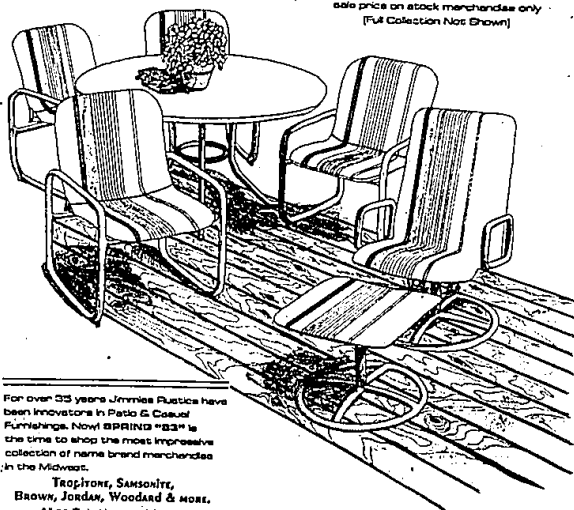
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