

roll call report

Arms 'reduction' amendment dropped from freeze

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call voters March 10-17.

HOUSE

FREEZE: The House rejected, 209 for and 215 against, a pro-administration amendment to make the nuclear freeze resolution (HJR 13) more acceptable to conservatives and others who fear it is weighted in favor of the Soviet Union. The freeze measure awaits final action in April.

Suburban congressmen split along party lines, Republicans backing the pro-Reagan amendment, Democrats opposing it.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and William Bloomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, William Ford, D-Taylor, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

The amendment at hand sought to change the wording of the resolution to call for a "freeze and/or reductions." Sponsor Mark Siljander, R-Mich., said "this freeze would lock us into non-mutually assured destruction. This is ridiculous."

While the resolution lacks direct legislative impact, both sides call it a powerful statement which could influence defense votes in Congress, world opinion, and U.S. and Soviet attitudes during arms control talks.

It urges both superpowers to immediately freeze nuclear arsenals under "mutual and verifiable" procedures. An important but subordinate goal of the resolution intentionally described by freeze authors in fuzzy language is reducing arsenals.

The apparently lower priority given reductions upset some lawmakers. They argued the Soviets have nuclear superiority and, therefore, a freeze would tie the United States into a position of weakness, tempting the Soviets to seek a conquest.

Freeze advocates countered that, even if the Soviets are ahead, the question is academic because they say each superpower has enough weaponry to destroy the other many times over.

Opposing the Siljander amendment, Edward Markey, D-Mass., asked, "Are we going to let the Atomic Age return us to the Stone Age? Or are we going to seize our destiny and work toward world peace?"

Members voting yes wanted arms reduction to be a top priority of the nuclear freeze resolution.

CHALLENGE: By a vote of 226 for and 195 against, the House adopted an amendment to HJR 13 (see above) that was supported by freeze backers

and opposed by the Reagan administration.

The effect of the vote was to defang a pending amendment that would have gutted the nuclear freeze resolution by stating that nothing in it could prevent the United States from "modernizing" its nuclear deterrent while the freeze was in effect.

Members voting yes wanted to prevent the nuclear freeze resolution from being gutted. Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Bloomfield.

Sponsor Clement Zablocki, D-Wis., said, "This is the time to move in the direction of disarmament

by negotiation. This may be the last time we have this opportunity."

Opponent Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said, "The greatest challenge is not just to prevent the occurrence of nuclear war — we can do that today, just disarm, just lay down our arms and get on our knees and face East."

SENATE

ARMY VS. EPA: By a vote of 45 for and 51 against, the Senate rejected an amendment to the

jobs bill (see above) to cut \$209.7 million from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering and Bureau of Reclamation outlay and add \$200 million to the Environmental Protection Agency's sewer construction program.

Michigan's Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, both Democrats, voted yes, preferring to attack unemployment through high EPA spending.

Michigan senators lost in their effort to redirect funds from the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation to the EPA.

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