

# Nuke freeze divides Oakland reps

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes April 23 through May 4.

## HOUSE

**FREEZE** — By a vote of 175 for and 247 against, the House rejected a motion to kill the nuclear freeze resolution (HJ Res 13) by sending it back to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

This was a clear test of sentiment on the freeze, probably more revealing to constituents who track voting records than the later vote by which the House passed the resolution (below).

Many lawmakers voted to send the resolution to oblivion in committee, then voted for final passage of the measure.

Members voting yes wanted to return the freeze measure to committee and thus kill it.

Voting yes: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hartel, D-Detroit, William Ford, D-Taylor, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

**FINAL** — The House passed, 278 for and 146 against, and sent to the Senate a measure (HJ Res 13) calling on the U.S. and Soviet Union to negotiate a "mutual and verifiable freeze" in nuclear arsenals, followed by reductions.

Although non-binding on the administration, the resolution is viewed by its sponsors as a strong expression of American public opinion in favor of curbing the superpowers' arms race.

The final vote occurred after nearly 50 hours of debate spread over six House sessions.

Supporters claimed a major victory. But opponents said that by weakening the "pure" freeze with several pro-White House amendments, they too had been victorious.

Supporter Stand Lundine, D-N.Y., called the nuclear freeze movement "truly a grass-roots effort" and said "I applaud those concerned citizens who have forced this country to face the prospect of nuclear war."

Opponent Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., called the resolution "a dangerous step" because "it would perpetuate the current imbalance in strategic and theater forces. It would undercut the critical negotiations under way, and it would be the antithesis of our true objective, arms reductions."

Members voting yes supported the freeze resolution.

Voting yes: Pursell, Hartel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Broomfield.

**REDUCE** — By a vote of 221 for and 203 against, the House adopted an amendment to HJ Res 13 that would void any Soviet-U.S. freeze if, after a "reasonable" interval, negotiations failed to agree on reducing arsenals.

The vote was a major breakthrough for conservatives because it soothed President Reagan's fear that the "pure" freeze sought by liberals would guarantee Soviet nuclear superiority.

Sponsor Elliott Levitas, D-Ga., said that without his amendment "we will be left frozen into incredibly large and dangerous nuclear arsenals, and the world will be a much less safe place."

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Opponent Les AuCoin, D-Ore., said: "Remember the code words. The code words for reductions mean if you settle only for that, you really are not trying to stop the technological advance of the arms race."

Members voting yes wanted a freeze to hold only if it leads promptly to reductions.

Voting yes: Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Hartel, Ford and Levin.

## SENATE

**BUDGET** — By a vote of 23 for and 78 against, the Senate rejected a conservative-backed fiscal 1984 budget plan that called for severe cuts in domestic spending, a 7.5-percent hike in defense outlays, preserving the third year of President Reagan's tax cuts, and virtually no new taxes.

Although it appealed to many Republicans, the plan was not endorsed by Senate GOP leaders, who were marshaling support for a compromise budget they drafted in concert with the White House.

The vote occurred during debate on S Con Res 27, the congressional budget blueprint for 1984 and later fiscal years. The Senate Budget Committee document now on the floor envisions 1984 outlays of \$248.8 billion, revenues of \$238.7 billion, and a deficit of \$10.1 billion.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, sponsor of the conservative budget, said that "by avoiding tax increases, this budget removes a huge temptation for Congress to spend more money." He defended the deep domestic cuts, saying, "These federal programs are eating us alive."

Opponent Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, called Hatch's proposal "this new U.S. Chamber of Commerce budget." He added that a major flaw in preserving the administration's supply-side tax cuts that, he said, benefit the wealthy to the detriment of middle- and lower-income individuals.

Senators voting yes favored the conservative budget plan.

Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegle, D, voted no.

**REPEAL** — The Senate rejected, 16 for and 83 against, the budget alternative authored by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., a declared Democratic presidential candidate.

Hollings called for virtually freeing most domestic spending at current levels, repealing the third year of President Reagan's individual and corporate tax cuts, blocking the administration plan to index tax rates to inflation, and permitting only a 3-percent growth in defense spending in fiscal 1984.

Levin voted yes. Riegle voted no.

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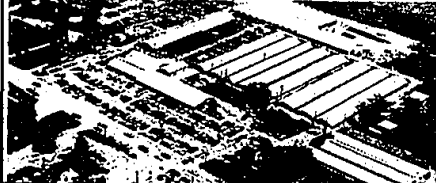
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