roll call report

Party lines decide votes

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes June 23-29.

HOUSE PROBE: The House voted 256-161 for a secret rather than open probe of widespread, anti-GoP distortions in the editing of bearing transcript.

To make some Republicans look had, the transcripts altered what they actually said during subcommittee bearing last year involving the Environmental Protection Agency.

The vote authorized a probe by the Ethics Committee, which by law must meet in closed sessions, and block GOP calls for a special House panel that would air the issue in public. Virtually all 356 members voting for private hearings were Democratis. Leaders of both parties agreed that Democratic employees were the culprits.

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Opposent Robert Michel, R.Ill., said "what is at issue here is the integrity of the House. Our records are the heart of our legislative process."

Members voiling yes favored a closed-door probe of the misconduct by Democratic staffers.

Voiting yes: Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voiting no: Carl Parsell, R-Plymouth and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Not voting william Ford, D-Taylor.

VETO: By a vote of 338-137, the House passed a bill (RR 1268) that keeps the Consumer Product Safetry Commission in existence but with a smaller budget and less power than its most ardent backers wanted.

The bill (RR 2680) contains the first Capitol Hill response to the Supreme Court decision outlawing the "Congressional veto." Jawmakers had used to kill regulations and other executive branch actions they dishiked.

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However, this is a weaker tool because it toods presidential approval to take effect.

The bill, which was sent to the Senate, authorized a fiscal 1984 commission budget of \$3.5, million.

Many members voting no disliked the hasiy attempt to replace the congressional veto or thought the bill too harsh on product safety.

Voting yes: Farsell and Broomfield.

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ARTS: The flouse rejected, 150-271, an attempt to freeze fiscal 1984 spending for arts and humanities programs at 1983 levela.

The vote, occurring during debate on an appropriations bill (IR 3935) later sent to the Senate, left infact plans to hike National Endowment for the Arts outlays from \$144 million to \$165 million and National Endowment for the Humanities spending from \$130 million 500 million hiller, R-Ind., criticized

to \$150 millin. Sponsor John Hiller, R. Ind., criticized the government becoming "an ever-expanding and ever-evallable source of funding for artistic endeavor." Opponent Benjamin Gilman, R. N.Y., said "nations are judged by the . . . attention, respect and support they give to their artists and their sectenties."

Members voting yes wanted to freeze arts and humanities subsidies. Voting yes yeel and Broomfield. Voting Especial Ford. Levin. Not voting Ford. Levin. Not voting Ford. Levin. Not voting Ford. Not Ford. Sense rejected an amendment requiring senators to place in trust any "un-earned" income exceeding 30 percent of their governments alsary. Unearned income comes mainly from investments. This was a sequel to the recent vote limiting "earned" outside income such limiting "earned" outside income such saspeech honoraria to 30 percent of senators #86,800 salary. There is no limit on investment income such angers less prosperous consistent with the profited nicely from speech frees.

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With this amendment, they retallated against the many Senate millionaires who had voted to limit their honoraria.

Sponsor Jake Garn, R-Utah, said "I do not expect this to pass. I would expect the demogogs and the hypocrites to vote much as they usually do."

No opponent spoke against the amendment, and Garn observed "there is not a single rich boy on the floor to defend himself."

Senators voting no opposed the trust requirement for investment income.

Michigan's Democratic senators split their volts. Carl Levin voted no. Denaid Riegle voted to. Denaid Riegle voted hy a vote of 49-50, the

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ABORTION: By a vote of 49-50, the proposed constitutional amendment en-abling federal and state legislatures to outlaw abortions failed. A two-thirds majority, 67 votes, was needed for pas-

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Seeking to sullify the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe V. Wade, the amendment said: "A right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution." Spensor Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said "this nation, with the possible excep-tion of Communist China, has the most radical abortion laws of any nation in the world."

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Opponent Robert Packwood, R-Ore, sald that "by seeking to force all women into childbearing (the amendment) undermines their ability to control their bodies and their lives."
Senators voting yes supported the constitutional amendment.
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TAX CAP: The Senate refused, 45-55, to cap the personal income tax cut that took effect July 1.

This killed the House-passed bill (HRI 1183) that was originated by Speaker Thomas O'Nelli, D-Mass., as a major challenge to the Administration's economic recovery plan.

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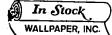
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