

House puts limits on Reagan's removal power

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the days before the current summer recess.

HOUSE

roll call report

RIGHTS — By a vote of 286 for and 125 against, the House adopted an amendment providing that a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission can be removed by a president only for "neglect of duty or malfeasance in office."

The six commissioners presently serve open-ended terms, and the law specifies no basis for removal. President Reagan's recent dismissal of three members prompted this amendment, which was attached to legislation extending the life of the commission. The bill (HR 2230) was sent to the Senate.

Supporter Peter Rodino, D-N.J., said the amendment would thwart a president who "might willy-nilly remove someone because he disagreed with them" on civil rights issues.

Opponent James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., called the measure "an infringement on executive power that any president... would not put up with."

Members voting yes wanted to make it more difficult for a president to remove a civil rights commissioner.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, William

Ford, D-Taylor and Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 3409) whose effect is to provide at least a few more weeks of jobless pay in states where the economy is improving.

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Opponent Richard Shelby, D-Ala., said the requirement will be impossible to enforce and is likely to cause "illegal dumping to such a degree as this country has never experienced."

Members voting yes wanted to increase the number of small businesses subjected to hazardous waste reporting requirements.

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Voting no: Broomfield.

BENEFITS — The House passed, 338 for and 84 against, and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 3409) whose effect is to provide at least a few more weeks of jobless pay in states where the economy is improving.

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Labor Department in administering the program created confusion as to when FSC money will stop flowing. This bill guarantees that affected states will get at least four more weeks of payments.

Supporter Olympia Snowe, R-Me., said the bill "clarifies the intent of Congress regarding the current extension of long-term unemployment benefits."

Opponent Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., said it was wrong for Congress "to legitimize a bureaucratic error and spend a couple of hundred million dollars providing these extra benefits to which no one is entitled under the law."

Members voting yes wanted more jobless benefits to be provided under the FSC program.

Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

SENATE

BAILOUT — By a vote of 40 for and 57 against, the Senate refused to block by parliamentary means a planned federal bailout of the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS).

The main issue is whether to create a federal lending authority to save the system, which has been called "whoops" following its default on \$2.25 billion in bonds for construction of two of five planned nuclear power plants in the Pacific Northwest.

The House also adopted an amendment to increase federal regulation small businesses that produce hazardous waste and passed a bill to provide a few more weeks of jobless pay in states where the economy is improving. The Senate refused to block by parliamentary means a planned federal bailout of the Washington Public Power Supply System.

The question at hand was whether the bailout could be offered as a rider to a pending appropriations bill (HR 3363). This vote reversed a parliamentary ruling that blocked consideration. The final outcome is to be determined after the summer recess.

Senators disagreed over whether the new authority would risk taxpayers' dollars.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., who voted to block consideration of the legislation, called it his "duty... to insist that we will not act further on this bill,

which can involve a \$7.2-billion obligation from the federal government."

Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, sponsor of the legislation, said "zero, not one penny" of U.S. Treasury funds would be risked because the new lending authority would be backed by ratepayers and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Senators voting no wanted the Senate to consider the bailout measure. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

UM-Dearborn raises tuition 9% to 'catch up'

The University of Michigan Board of Regents has approved a 9-percent increase in student fees for U-M-Dearborn, effective with the fall semester.

Regents approved a request to increase U-M undergraduate student fees from \$764 per semester to \$833 per semester (full-time, in-state).

Graduate fees also will increase from \$814 to \$887 (full-time, in-state).

In addition, undergraduate students electing 15 hours or more will pay an additional \$39 per semester based on a reorganization of the fee structure approved by regents earlier this year.

The 9-percent increase corresponds to a 9.5-percent increase for U-M's Ann Arbor campus and an 8.6-percent increase for U-M's Flint campus.

U-M ADMINISTRATORS anticipate that the increase in student fees will generate \$649,000 in new revenue for the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Coupled with an expected 8.5-percent increase in state appropriations (generating \$954,000 in new revenues), the student-fee increase will produce funding in order to "catch up" on critical program needs, they said.

Chancellor William A. Jenkins told regents that the state made a "praiseworthy attempt to restore some financial health to public higher education. But those in government, the press and the public who expected the institutions to be able to freeze tuition because of the appropriation simply do not comprehend how our financial support has been decimated during the past three years."

"Seven executive orders (budget reduction and delays in funding) and considerable loss of interest, through delayed release of funds, plus the increased cost of nearly everything to run a campus cannot be overcome by a single 8.5-percent increase," Jenkins said.

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task will be to continue the trend begun this year of reducing the rate of increasing costs for tuition.

"We must do whatever we can to persuade our legislators that too much of the cost of their education (46.7 percent for 1983-84) has been passed on to students," Jenkins said.

"The traditional pattern of 33 percent student, 47 percent state appropriation is far more desirable, and it is a target which all of us must aim for. With those proportions we would not have had to increase tuition this year. We probably could have lowered it," the Chancellor added.

Jenkins said that the additional revenue will allow U-M-D to pay faculty and staff an average 5-percent salary increase, the same as the other two U-M campuses. This is at a level approximating the annual inflation rate, he said.

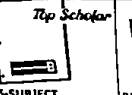
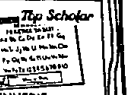
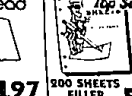
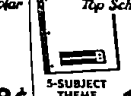
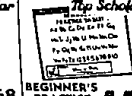
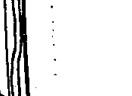
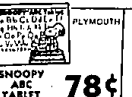
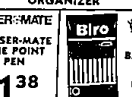
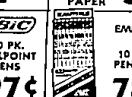
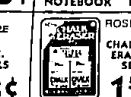
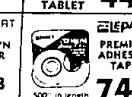
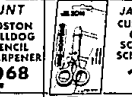
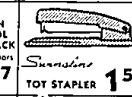
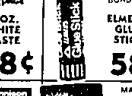
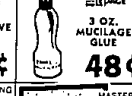
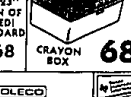
A number of other high priority items will receive "catch-up" funds, including the library's book acquisition budget, modest purchases of new equipment, minor rehabilitation projects on the physical plant and the "phasing in" of campus support for academic computing services, the U-M-D chief executive officer said.

The budget according to Jenkins, also includes an 18-percent, or \$75,000, increase in student financial aid.

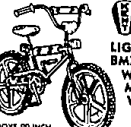
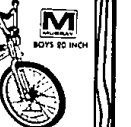
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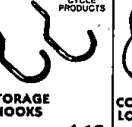
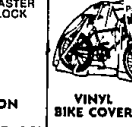
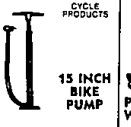
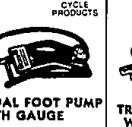
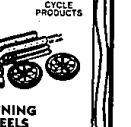
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Taught by a public health nurse and registered dietitian, topics will include

the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems.

The classes are free, but class size is limited. To preregister, call the health department at 858-1394 or 645-1150 Ext. 8-1394.