roll call report

use of Medicare funds and other money in HR 3913 to be used for an abortion, even if the mother's life is at stake.

HR 3913 is the \$56.5 billion fiscal 1984 appropriations bill for the departments of Labor, Edcuation and Health and Human Services. It was sent to the Senate.

Although this was the strictest anti-abortion language ever approved by the House, it stood little chance of sur-viving the House-Senate conference on HR 3913.

Supporter William Dannemoyer, R. Calil., said the abortion issue had "fiscal consequences" in view of the nation's declining fertility rate and rising debt, because "if we are going to pay off this debt, somebody has got to be born to pay the taxes to pay it off." Opponent Barbara Mikulait, D.Md., said able was "shocked to bear that

and she was "shocked to hear that American women are meant to be breeder reactors to sustain civilization and pay off the deficit." Members voting

Members voting yes opposed any deral funding of abortions. Voting yes: Hertel, Broomfield. Voting no: Pursell, Ford, Levin.

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LEBANON: By a vote of 54-46, the Secate approved a resolution empowering President Reagan to keep US. Martness in Lebanon as part of a multi-national poaceheeping force for up to 18 additional months.

The House earlier granted the same authority under the War Powers Act (see above), and the measure was sent to Reagan for his signature. Supporter Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz, said giving the president a free hand with the Marines for 18 mooths is essential because "history above that it is dangerous for Congress of Intervene in military command decisions."

Opponent Edward Kennedy, D-Mars.,

EXPLAIN: By a vote of 55-45, the Senate tabled (tilled) an amendment to SJ Res 159 (see above) requiring Presi-dent Reagan to explain to the satisfac-tion of Congress why U.S. Marines should remain in Lebanon for a lengthy period.

Drafted by Democrats as an alternative to an 18-month deployment, the

said: "Some say that Lebanon is not an-other Vietnam. But I reply, we must not give the president the power to turn it into one."

amendment called for bringing the Ma-rices home after 50 days unless the president had by then justilled the mill-tary action to Congress. Supporter Calaborne Pell, D.R.L. sald it was necessary "to Congress." Senators voting no wanted the presi-dent to justify his decision to keep Ma-rices in Lebanon. Levia voted no. Riegle voted no. it into one."

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Senators voting yes supported keeping Marines in Lebanon for as many as 18 more months.

Michigan's Democratic senators, Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted no.

THE UNITED NATIONS: The Seniale adopted, 66-33, an amendment to cut the US. contribution to the United Nations and some of its agencies by \$500 million over the next four years. In fiscal 1984, this would reduce American support by 21 percent below the administration's hudget request.

State Department authorization bill (5) 1343, which later was sent to conference with the House.

Sponsor Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kans, and alse was "a firm believer" in the UN but felt it would work better with a thinner staff that way less politicized and less bureaceratized.

Opponent Charles Percy, R-III., and the UN "is not run with the efficiency the UN bureace and the UN bureace and the UN bureace and the UN bureace and the Second and betther is the House."

Senators voting yes wanted to significantly cut U.S. support of the UN budget.

Levin and Riegle voted no.





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