

# 'Trendy' area reps back wilderness bill

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Sept. 8 through Sept. 12.

### HOUSE

**WILDERNESS** — By vote of 369 for and 41 against, the House passed and sent to the White House a bill (HR 1437) to permanently protect nearly 2 percent of California as national wilderness.

The bill includes 1.8 million of the state's 100-million acres in the federal wilderness system, and releases another 1.8-million acres for logging, recreation and other commercial development.

This is one of 20 state wilderness bills that Congress has approved or is considering under a 1984 law. The affected states are those with sizeable National Forest Service holdings.

Wilderness advocates say at least 2 percent of the lower 48 states will be protected from development when the 1984 law is fully implemented.

Supporter James Weaver, D-Ore., said "there is probably more asphaltic surface in this country than there is wilderness."

Opponent Norman Shumway, R-Calif., said the bill "reflects the trendy fantasy that public lands are sacred only to the degree they escape human needs."

### rollcall report

Members voting yes favored the bill. Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**EXTRADITE** — The House rejected, 103 for and 307 against, a bill (HR 3347) to update laws under which foreigners are extradited from the U.S. This is the first proposed modernization in nearly a century.

Many members who favor modernization voted

against the bill because it was debated under a short-cut parliamentary procedure that prevented amendments. They favored amending the bill to make it more palatable to President Reagan.

A leading area of controversy was the bill's "political offense doctrine." This prohibited extradition when the foreign national demonstrated the alleged crime for which he was being called home was political, except when the alleged offense was heinous or severe.

The Administration and many members voting no felt the doctrine was too protective of international criminals under the banner of human rights.

Members voting yes favored passing the extradition reform bill under a closed parliamentary procedure that blocked pro-Administration amendments. Voting yes: Levin.

Voting no: Pursell, Hertel, Broomfield.  
Not voting: Ford.

### SENATE

**DEBATE** — The Senate voted, 76 for and 20 against, to prevent banks from receiving interest on certain deposits they are required to make with the Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank.

This occurred during debate on S 2851, a major banking deregulation bill that awaited final passage.

Senators voting no wanted the government to start paying interest on certain balances that banks must maintain with the Fed.

Voting yes: Carl Levin, D-Mich.  
Voting no: Donald Riegle, D-Mich.

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## New coalitions being formed

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

To a politician, every election is the "most important in history" or "a turning point."

Not quite so, according to Robert Teeter of Market Opinion Research. But he does say the elections of the 1980s and 1990s "will establish whatever coalition will govern" for a while.

Teeter spoke to a caucus of the Michigan delegation to the Republican National Convention in Dallas last month. His analysis made it clear why Republican incumbent Ronald Reagan is concentrating on the flag and very broad issues, and why Democratic hopeful Walter Mondale is targeting specific issues, in their drives for four years in the White House.

"WE'RE IN THE midst of a political realignment that began in the 60s and '70s," Teeter began. "That was when the old New Deal coalition came apart."

But the pollster said it's too early to tell what kind of new forces will control the process because it remains to be seen what the "baby boom" voters will do. "It will take until 1988 or 1990 to tell us what the new coalition will be," he said.

For Reagan, Teeter said, the best strategy is to concentrate on "the simple, big issues: peace and prosperity, the economy and foreign policy."

"That strategy should be directed at the whole country geographically."

"The economic issue is dominant. It's what the voters want to talk about. And foreign policy is more important than it was in 1980 and '82."

**FOR REPUBLICANS**, Teeter went on, things look good. Nationally, 49 percent of voters identify themselves as Democrats and 44 percent as Republicans — "a major gain" for Republicans.

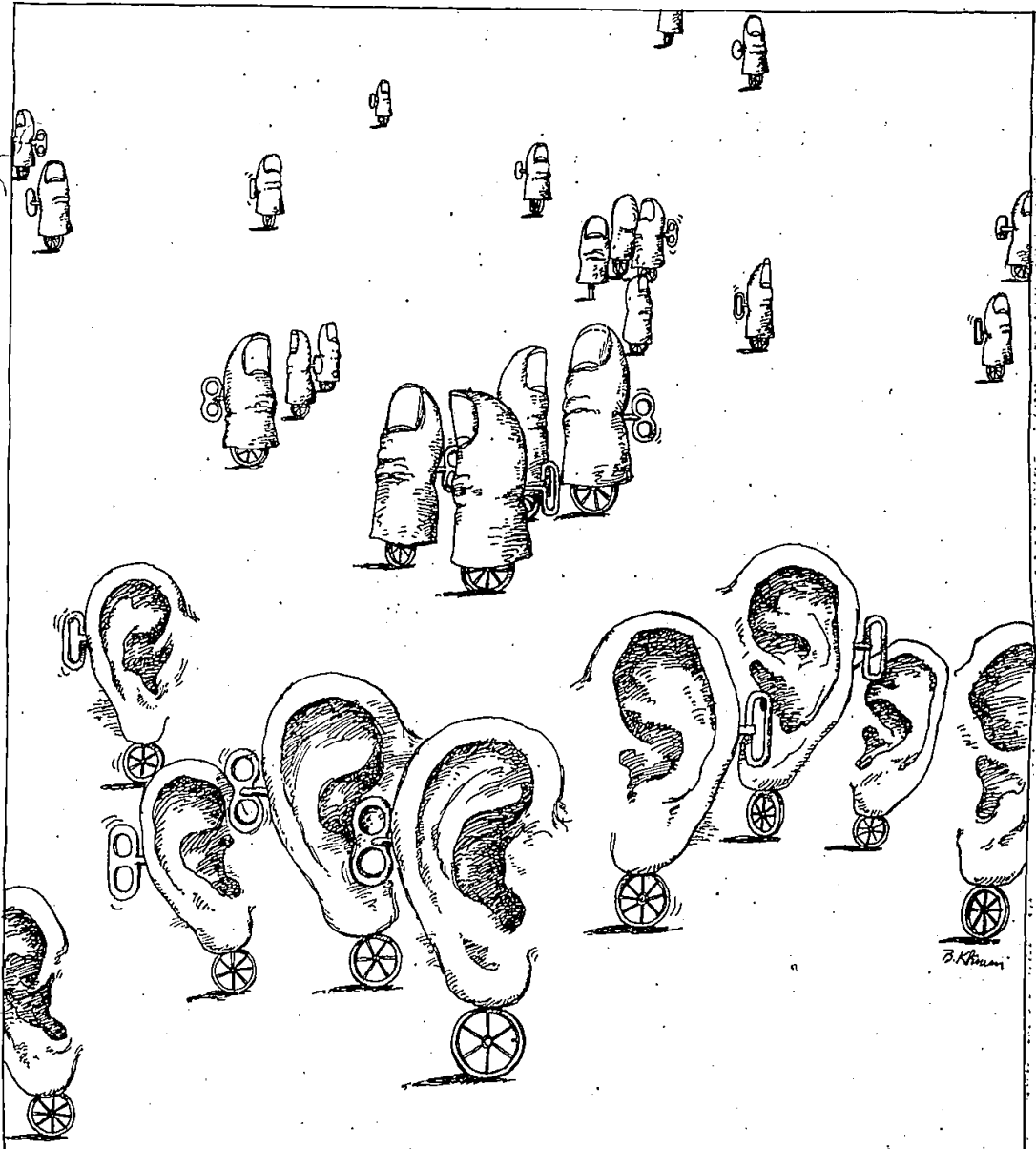
"Michigan has an ample supply of blue-collar workers who have come over to vote for Reagan — and voted Republican for some years."

Key states for electoral votes, Teeter said, are Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Texas and New Jersey. Michigan voters thus can expect to see a lot of presidential and vice presidential candidates for both major parties.

**SOME TEETER** observations which may explain the Reagan and Mondale strategies:

• "The president says things are good and getting better. Mondale says they're bad and getting worse." Voters believe, by 56 to 35 percent, that the nation is headed in the right direction, according to Teeter.

• "Reagan sees the nation as a whole. Mondale views it as a set of individual constituencies that need to be glued together. He comes right out of the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor party."



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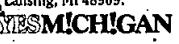
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