

House OKs sanctions against South Africa

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes after returning from the Memorial Day recess.

HOUSE

SOUTH AFRICA — By a vote of 295-127, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 1460) imposing what would be the first U.S. economic sanctions against South Africa.

The administration opposed the bill. It favors the softer approach of "constructive engagement" to persuade Pretoria to abandon apartheid, the official South African policy of discrimination against and subjugation of non-whites.

In part, the bill prohibits new American loans to and investments in the South African private and public sec-

tors, bans the sale of U.S. computer technology in that country, and prohibits the sale of South African Krugers (gold coins) in the U.S.

Sponsor William Gray, D-Pa., said, "It is time for us as a nation to put our values into action, move beyond the rhetoric of 'abhorrence of apartheid' and begin . . . to do something."

Opponent Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., said, "Our country can best serve the cause of freedom and justice in South Africa by staying there . . . to participate in the process of change that is even now under way."

Members voting yes wanted to impose tough economic sanctions on South Africa.

Voting yes: Dennis Hertz, D-Harper Woods, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Not voting: William D. Ford, D-Tay-

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lor, Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE — By a vote of 233-180, the House failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to pass a resolution (HJ Res 192) designating April 24, 1988 for remembering the killing of more than one million Armenians in Turkey between 1915-23.

Sponsors said the victims, who were Christians, were the targets of a genocide directed by the Moslem rulers of the Ottoman Empire. The resolution said "all victims of genocide" throughout civilization should be remembered on that date.

The administration opposed the measure on grounds it unduly antagonized the current Turkish government, a NATO ally that bears no responsibility for the mass killings that occurred more than 60 years ago.

Sponsor William Ford, D-Taylor, said the resolution "in no way reflects negatively on the present government of Turkey, with whom we enjoy good relations."

Opponent William Whitehurst, R-Va., said "we place in jeopardy the vital interests of the United States if we pass this resolution."

Members voting yes favored the resolution.

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

SENATE

STAR WARS — The Senate rejected, 39-57, an amendment to cut by \$1 billion the proposed fiscal 1988 outlay for research into the administration's "Star Wars" or Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) program.

This left \$2.9 billion for SDI research in the Senate's version of the 1988 defense authorization bill (S 1160), which later was passed and sent to the House.

The Pentagon is trying to develop a defensive system in space that could obliterate all incoming enemy missiles. If such a shield is within the reach of technology, it will cost at least \$2 trillion, according to current estimates.

Supporter Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., called the proposed SDI system "the president's dream" and said it would draw the Soviet Union and U.S. into yet another arms race as both nations try to develop space-based defenses.

Howell Heflin, D-Ala., who opposed the amendment, said SDI "represents a welcome shift in our strategic policy from one which relies on mutual assured destruction for deterrence to one based upon a commitment to self-defense."

Senators voting yes wanted to trim \$1 billion from the outlay for Star Wars research.

Voting yes: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle.

UNION RATES — By a tie vote of 49-49, the Senate rejected an amendment to apply Davis-Bacon Act wages to virtually all military construction financed by the fiscal 1988 defense authorization bill (above).

Zoo Society gets \$50,000 for signs

Detroit's two zoos will benefit from a \$50,000 grant to the private Detroit Zoological Society from the Skillman Foundation.

Lawrence D. Buhl Jr., president of the Detroit Zoological Society, said the gift will be used for new graphics at both the main zoo in Royal Oak and the smaller Belle Isle zoo.

"The current signs are durable," said Buhl, "but not very useful. The writing is rather dull, with gray line drawings, making it especially difficult to identify animals in multiple-species exhibits like our birdhouse, where some species aren't identified at all."

STEVE GRAHAM, director of the Detroit Zoological Parks, said the graphics are more than just labels.

"They explain animal behaviors and relationships. And that, combined with seeing the actual animal, is one of the best ways of teaching all children to enjoy and respect the creatures who share this world," Graham said.

The Skillman Foundation's \$50,000 grant, plus money from the Zoological Society's Education Fund, will help identify animals in the Royal Oak Birdhouse and Barnyard and the entire Belle Isle Zoo. "Eventually," Buhl added, "we'd love to see both parks completed with colorful new graphics."

BEVERLY SENRELL & Associates, who have worked at Brookfield, Baltimore, and Louisville zoos, began design work this month, so graphics should start popping up at the zoo this fall and continue through the winter.

The graphics are expected to be fully installed by next spring.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization formed to encourage memberships and to provide funds to improve zoo exhibits, educate, purchase animals and equipment.

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