

House bans abortion spending in District

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes between July 25 and 31.

HOUSE

ABORTION — The House adopted, 221 for and 199 against, an amendment to prevent the District of Columbia from spending any of its budget for abortion.

This is probably the strictest anti-abortion language ever approved by the House, because it bans federally supported abortions in D.C. even if the

mother's life is at stake or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.

By contrast, in the 10 state abortions using federal money are permitted when either of those conditions is present.

The amendment also was unprecedented because it limited the way D.C. officials can spend not only the district's "federal payment" but also such local revenues as property and sales taxes.

The ban was attached to the fiscal 1988 appropriations bill for the District of Columbia (HR 3087), which was

sent to the Senate.

Supporter Robert Dornan, R-Calif., said that in D.C. "for the first time in the history... of any major American city, there were more abortions than there were live births."

Opponent Julian Dixon, D-Calif., said House members should have "the courage and dignity to allow the people here in this District of Columbia to make their own decision as to what they do with their money."

Members voting yes wanted to impose tougher anti-abortion restrictions on D.C.

Voting yes: Dennis Hertz, D-Harper Woods, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

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our House rules, is adopted."

Members voting yes favored a congressional recess during August and early September. Voting yes: Hertz and Levin.

Voting no: Pursell and Broomfield. Ford did not vote.

EX-PRESIDENTS — By a vote of 219 for and 130 against, the House adopted an amendment that cuts fiscal 1985 staff expenses of ex-presidents.

Former presidents were to receive nearly \$300,000 annually of staff support regardless of when they left the White House. The amendment cut this to \$150,000 during years five through eight that the president has been out of office, and to \$200,000 thereafter.

The amendment, which was attached to an appropriations bill (HR 3036) later sent to the Senate, leaves untouched the \$80,000 annual pension for former presidents as well as outlays for Secret Service protection.

Sponsor Andrew Jacobs, D-Ind., called the measure "The Former Presidents Enough-Is-Enough Taxpayers Relief Act."

Opponent William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, said: "We think nothing of paying athletes, actors and rock stars millions of dollars, sometimes for

a single performance. We should, as a token of simple respect, support our ex-presidents in an adequate manner."

Members voting yes wanted to cut the staff budgets of former presidents. Voting yes were Pursell, Hertz and Levin.

Voting no were Ford and Broomfield.

sored the amendment, said his measure "would prohibit the FTC from second-guessing the states on questions of licensure and professional qualifications."

Senators voting yes wanted to preserve the FTC's limited power to regulate doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

VETO BY CONGRESS — The Senate adopted, 67 for and 22 against, an amendment giving Congress power to veto certain regulatory action by the Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The provision, which was attached to S 1078 (above), is designed to overcome the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that congressional veto authority over the executive branch, if unaccompanied by presidential assent, violates the separation-of-powers doctrine.

Senators voting yes wanted Congress, in concert with the president, to be able to kill certain Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Product Safety Commission rules. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

Under this language, both houses of Congress, and then the president, must take affirmative action to kill a regulation issued by either commission.

U-M freezes tuition for state undergrads

University of Michigan regents last week approved an 8-percent tuition increase for out-of-state undergraduates and all graduate students for the 1985-86 academic year, but froze tuition rates for all in-state undergraduates.

Tuition increases for graduate-professional students in medicine, law and the master of business administration program are higher than 8 percent.

- Freshmen and sophomores — Michigan residents, \$1,080 (now \$1,088); non-residents, \$3,934 (now \$3,960).
 - Juniors and seniors — residents, \$1,218 (now \$1,214); non-residents, \$3,910 (now \$3,920).
 - Graduate — residents, \$1,944 (now \$1,708); non-residents, \$3,938 (now \$3,968).
 - Master of business administration — residents, \$2,218 (now \$2,000); non-residents, \$4,438 (now \$4,000).
 - Dentistry — residents, \$2,838 (now \$2,828); non-residents, \$5,386 (now \$4,970).
 - Law — residents, \$2,210 (now \$2,020); non-residents, \$4,874 (now \$4,270).
 - Medicine — residents, \$3,258 (now \$2,984); non-residents, \$6,214 (now \$5,656).
- All students enrolled in degree programs in the College of Engineering and School of Business Administration will pay an additional \$150 per-term fee for the use of computer networks in their schools, a \$50 per-term increase.

"This action is a direct response to the ongoing improvement in state support for the university, with the expectation that public policy makers will maintain the high priority for higher education which has been advanced recently," said academic Vice President Billy E. Frye, referring to Gov. James J. Blanchard's threatened veto of college appropriations for institutions who raise tuition.

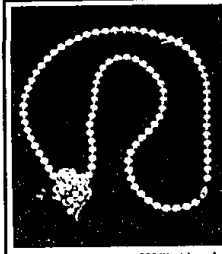
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