Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll-call votes conducted Oct. 3-8 during debate on the new federal farm program.

FARM BILL — The House passed, 252 for and 141 against, a massive farm bill that would spend \$141 billion between fiscal 1986 and 1990 on a myrlad of programs.

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The bill subsidizes farm income, puts a floor under commodity prices, stimulates exports, supplies the poor with food stamps and nutrition programs, conserves wellands and fragile soil, phores up shakey loans to farmers, sponsors agricultural research and sends surplus food abroad.

Supporters cailed the bill a hold-the-line measure designed to nurture farmers and their suppliers through American agricultura's worst period since the Great Depression.

President Reagan withheld an endorsement of the bill after the House generally disregarded his call for significant spending cuts in commodify programs and all but ignored his urging that the government begin to diminish its dominating role in the agricultural economy.

## rollcall report

Voting yes: Carl Pursel, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, PoSouthfield.
Voting on: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Broomfield, R-Birmlinsham.

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TOBACCO — By a vote of 195 for and 230 against, the House rejected an amendment to HR 2100 to eliminate the federal tobacco program, under which the government enforces acreage and production controls and growers receive price supports that they largely finance through an assessment on their crop.

Sponsor Thomas Petri, R-Wis, termed it "Judicrous (for the government) to spend hundreds of millions of dollars per year to subsidize tobacco while discouraging smoking."

Opponent Charles Whitley, D-N.C. said: "It we ended the program... it would not stop one single cigarette from being manufactured, sold or smoked."

Voting no: Pursell, Broomfield.

CARGO PREFERIENCE — By a vote of 179 for and 245 against, the House rejected an amendment to HR 2100 to exempt federally subsidized farm exports from the requirement that hall of U.S. government-sponsored exports be shipped on American-flag wessels.

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This was a victory for the maritime lobby, which says it needs the protection of "cargo preference" to survive against foreign competition and to keep the merchant marine fleet strong to bolster the national security.

It was a defeat for the farm labby, which objects to the higher cost of sending agriculture exports abroad on U.S.-flag vessels.

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Members voting no were siding with merchant marine interests on the car-go-preference issue. Voting yes: Pursell, Broomfield. Voting no: Hertel, William Ford, Levin.

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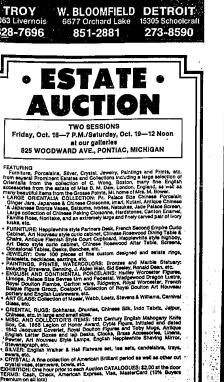
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