#### rollcall report

# House OKs study of women's pay

Here's how area members of Congress were re-corded on major roll call votes during the week ending Oct. 11.

WOMEN'S PAY — By a vote of 259 for and 192 against, the House passed a bill (HR 5880) authorising a study of the federal workforce to determine whether women, as a result of sex discrimination, are being paid less than men for similar work.

The "comparable worth" legislation, which has become a major issue for feminists, was sent to the Senate.

Senate.

Supporter Benjamin Gliman, D-N.Y., said "it is
time for the largest employer in the nation — the
federal government — to examine any discrimination. . . in its own structure.

Opponent Dan Lungren, R-Calif., said the study
would invite lawsuits having "a very severe impact
on that person rarely talked about here, the lowly
tarpayer."

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#### Jobless rate inches down in 2nd quarter

Michigan's unadjusted jobless rate edged down from 10.4 percent in March to 10.2 percent in June, the Michigan Employment Security Commission re-

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But unemployment rates in nine of Michigan's 12
major labor-market areas increased — though by
small amounts — during the second calendar quar-ter of 1985, according to Richard Simmons Jr.,
MESC director.

In those nine areas, Simmons said the increases
were generally small and due largely to seasonal
job losses in local government as school employees
were laid off for the summer. In addition, there
were scattered drops in manufacturing employment.

ment.
The Ann Arbor area had the largest incease in its percentage of unemployment as the rate rose from 5.5 percent in March to 7.4 percent in June. But despite the increase, the Ann Arbor area maintained the lowest jobiess rate among any of the 12 labor market areas.

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#### Broomfield is only area rep to vote no

Voting yes: Carl Parsell, R.Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield. Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

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MALPRACTICE — The House passed, 317 for and 90 against, and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 3174) enabling members of the armed services to sue for medical or dental malpractice that occurs in a stationary hospital or clinic.

The bill millities a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that active-duty personnel lack standing to sue millitary of the property of the

tary modicine.

Members votling yes wanted active duly personnel to be able to sue military doctors for malpractice.

Votling yes: Hertel, William Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

Votling no: Parsell.

TEXTILES — By a vote of 282 for and 159 against, the House passed and sent to conference with the Senate a bill (HR 1852) using tariffs and other protectionist devices to ferce deep cuts textle and clothing imports from Asian nations. Supporters said the legislation was needed to asfeguard bundereds of thousands of U.S. jobs against the ravages of unfair foreign competition, willo opponents said it was wrong for Congress to protect inefficient industries and invite retailation gashist American exports.

SENATE

DEFICITS — By a vote of 75 for and 24 against, the Senate adopted an amendment designed to eliminate annual under deficits by fiscal 1991, which begins oct 1, 1983.

The austerity plan, drafted by Republicans, was attached to a bill temporarily rating the debt-celling that later was sent to the House (id-Res 372). Supporters called it the most significant step toward fiscal discipline taken by the Senate since deficit spending flow dangerously out of control as few years ago.

But critica termed it a pass-the-blame measure that falls to supply lawmakers with the essential and heretofrore mixing ingredient for fiscal restraint — political courage.

Under the plan, Congress and the president are forced to cut the annual deficit (projected at 180 billion in 1985 by set amounts each year so that it has vanished by 1991.

If they fall to agree on the necessary cuts in a given year, the president would be compelled to order across-the-board reductions within guidelness set by Congress. Defense, agriculture and virtually all other categories except Social Security would be cut by equal percentages.

Senators voting yes favored the plan.

Voting yes: Carl Levin.

DEMOCRATIC PLAN — By a vote of 40 for and

DEMOCRATIC PLAN — By a vote of 40 for and 59 against, the Senate rejected a Democratic plan that differed chiefly in that if, sought to reach a zero deficit one year caller, by 1990, made it oasier to balance the budget by railang taxes, and encouraged softer cuts in programs for the poor along with deeper military cuts.

Voting yex: Levin, Riegie.

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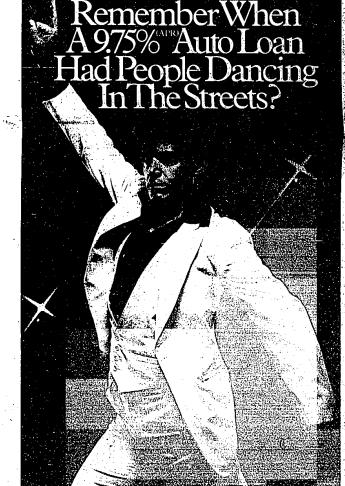
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