

House OKs \$9.5 billion for military buildings

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll-call votes during the week ending Oct. 18.

HOUSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION — By a vote of 354 for and 38 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 1409) authorizing \$9.5 billion for military construction projects at home and abroad during fiscal 1986. The outlay is part of the \$292 billion that congress plans to approve in 1986 for all defense programs.

In part, it covers building and repairing of housing on military bases, construction in support of U.S. joint military exercises with Central America and Caribbean armies, and the devel-

opment of support facilities for weapons systems such as binary nerve gas, the MX missile and the B-1B bomber.

Supporter David Martin, R-N.Y., noted that the bill was less expensive than President Reagan's request, and said "the only people that could oppose this bill . . . are people who do not understand what we are trying to do here."

Opponent Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., said one reason he opposed the bill was that it included money for basing vessels carrying nuclear weapons in New York Harbor, in his district.

Members voting yes wanted to pass the bill.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods,

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William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

SENATE

SAFETY REVIEW — By a vote of 18 for and 77 against, the Senate failed to table (kill) an amendment expediting a Food and Drug Administration safety review of sulfites from fresh fruits and vegetables. It still is studying whether to also ban any of their hundreds of other applications.

Thad Cochran, R-Miss., who voted to kill the amendment, called it unwise for senators to be "substituting our decisions" on sulfite safety for those of FDA experts.

Albert Gore, D-Tenn., who sponsored the amendment, said "the longer we wait for the FDA, the more people will die from reactions to sulfites."

Senators voting no favored a June 1, 1986 deadline for the FDA sulfite safety review.

Voting no: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle.

4 PERCENT CUT — By a vote of 65 for and 28 against, the Senate tabled

(killed) an amendment to cut 4 percent across-the-board from the \$24.9 billion fiscal 1986 agriculture appropriations bill (HR 3037, above).

This scuttled a proposed cut of slightly more than \$1 billion, which would have lowered the bill's price tag to about the level recommended by President Reagan's fiscal 1986 budget request.

Quentin Burdick, D-N.D., who voted to kill the amendment, termed the cut excessive at a time of "trouble in the Farm Belt, real trouble."

William Proxmire, D-Wis., who sponsored the amendment, said a good place to start cutting was the Department of Agriculture's overstuffed public affairs office, which has 150 employees.

Senators voting yes opposed a 4 percent across-the-board cut in the agriculture bill.

Voting yes: Levin, Riegle.

REVENUE SHARING — The Senate refused, 59 for and 37 against, to table and thus kill an amendment in behalf

of full funding of general revenue sharing in fiscal 1986.

This led to adoption of an amendment to spend \$570 million more on 1986 revenue sharing than the Senate Appropriations Committee had recommended.

The amendment was attached to a 1986 appropriations bill (HR 3038) that was headed for final passage and conference with the House. The bill provides \$4.6 billion for revenue sharing, which is to be eliminated when fiscal 1986 expires next Sept. 30.

Alan Cranston, D-Calif., who voted to kill the \$570 million add-on said severe budget cutting is required by deficits "brought on by President Reagan's misguided fiscal policies . . ."

Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said "revenue sharing is the only program

we have that helps nearly every city, town and country throughout the country."

Senators voting yes supported a \$570 million cut in 1986 revenue sharing outlays.

Voting no: Riegle.
Not voting: Levin.

UDAG MONEY — By a vote of 83 for and 43 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to eliminate the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) program, which subsidizes private development in decaying urban neighborhoods.

The amendment sought to strike a \$352 million UDAG expenditure from HR 3038 (above).

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Jr. colleges get job training funds

Grants totaling more than \$3.8 million were awarded to Michigan's 29 community and junior colleges for special economic development and job training or retraining programs.

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will receive \$90,228.

"This marks the fourth year the Michigan Legislature has approved a special program aimed at expanding job training opportunities at the state's 29 two-year colleges," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Phillip E. Runkel.

The grants were approved at the meeting of the Community College Job Training and Retraining Investment Fund Panel established under provisions of legislation and chaired by Runkel.

Each of Michigan's 29 community and junior colleges was slated to receive a basic \$90,000 grant. Additional grants were awarded to the two-year colleges on a competitive basis.

The total amount awarded by the state program is \$3,870,000. Several million dollars in matching funds have also been committed by the community and junior colleges to fund the approved projects.

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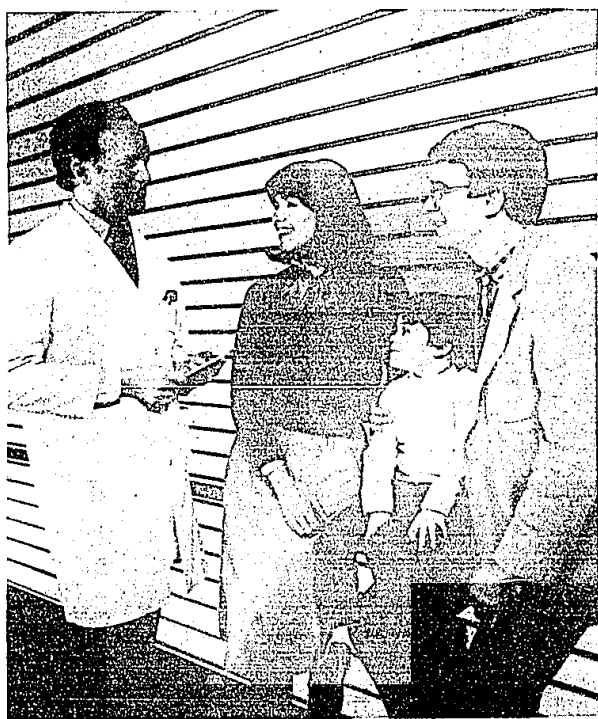
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