Plant closing bill defeated

Here's how area members of Con-gress were recorded on major roll-call votes during the week ending Nov. 22.

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PLANT CLOSINGS — The House defeated, 203 for and 208 against, a bill (IIIR 1610) designed to cushom the blow on workers and the community when an industrial plant closes or suffers a massive layoff, by requiring employers to give at least 90 days notice of their plans.

This was a defeat for organized labor, which had made the bill a top legislation expression of Manufacturers.

Supporters said the legislation would, at best, enable workers to develop alternative uses for the closed facility and, at least, permit them to prepare for economic hardship.

Opponents called the bill undue meding by government in the free ding by government in the free ding by government and the first office was to make it difficult for an panier to diquat to changing maneter conditions and remedy money layer grower to the first office of the provision giving the commission auditority to inspect answerned parks. All the provision was aimed at the provision giving the commission authority to inspect answerned parks. Most opposition was aimed at the first and probe accidents at parks, in deep and the provision of the conditions and remedy manety of the provision giving the commission and give in the two the first and probe accidents at parks, in adequate state regulation. Power for the two first of the provision giving the commission authority to inspect annuement parks. Most opposition was aimed at the first and provision giving the commission authority of inspect and previous giving the commission authority of inspect and provision giving the commission authority of inspect and pr

the two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill extending the life of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and giving the agency regulatory power over amusement parks. The two-thirds majority was required because the bill (RB 3456) was considered to the control of the control

Business activity soars

Detroit area economic activity re-mains exceptionally strong at levels 11 ness Activity Index (DBAI) fell nine to 12 percent above 1934 despite a big October dip, according to Manufactur-ers Bank.

The JCS consists of the heads of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines and a chalmman drawn from one of the services. Each member has equal voice in recommending battlefield actions and overall military policy to the president, secretary of defense and National Security Council.

Supporters of the bill said putting the chairman clearly in charge would leasen the inter-service rivalries and tradeoffs that now encumber the JCS and underrinen authonal security.

Under the bill, the chairman could communicate on his own to his civilian superiors as well as to field commanders under him.

Supporter William Whitchurst, R.—Na, said the present JCS system "stiffes imaginative military thought, deriving the president... of the fults of the best military minds that can be consumed to the consumer of the president of the secretary of defense and the president to choose among different military solutions and strategies."

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Charles Bennett, D-Fla, said the bill "clearly reduces the opportunities of the secretary of defense and the president to choose among different military solutions and strategies."

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SENATE

MILK — by a vote of 50 for and 47 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to cut federal subsidies of dairy farmers by hundreds of millions of dollars in 1985. The Senate moved up by a year the date for lowering milk price supports from \$11.05 to \$11.10 per hundredweight.

Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Dons ald Riege voting yes were opposed to the amendment advancing the date for lowering milk free supports from \$11.05 to \$11.10 per hundredweight.

The vote left intact language in the Senate version of the new farm bill to lower the properties of the control of the new farm bill to lower the properties. The bill (\$1714) was bended for final passage and conference with the House, which has approved a funda-

mentally different attack on massive overproduction by America's dairy farmers.

The House's chief surplus-cutting mechanism is a diversion program that keeps farmers in operation by paying them to thin out their herds. The Senate approach of lower price supports

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Arlen Specter, R.P.a., said he was voling to table the amendment because it would cut dairy farmer's income at a time when "they are faced with very serious economic difficulties. Sponsor Paula Hawkins, R.Pla, callied her measure "a pro-taxpayer amendment (that) will reduce budget outlays by \$250 to \$300 million per year" and "begin to remove the federal government from the dairy business."

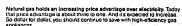
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