# House vote gets committees out of budget cuts

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll-call votes during the week ending Feb. 7.

#### HOUSE

COMMITTEE FUNDING — By a vote of 146 for and 255 against, the House refused to force House committees to recommend the specific program cuts necessary to achieve the \$11.7 billion savings that the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget-reduction law requires by March 1.

The vote occurred during debate on a measure (II Res 356) funding House committees during calendar 1936 that later was approved. Under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, if Congress and the president fall to agree on cuts measure (II Res 356) funding House control to the control of the special contro

Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., said House members were sent to Washington to legislate, not 'to sit on our duffs and wait for sequester orders to go into effect."

paring for the second round of Gramm-Rud-man-Hollings cuts, which will take effect soon after fiscal 1987 begins next Oct. 1. Members voting yes wanted to force com-mittee recommendations on the first round cuts under the new deficit reduction law. Voting no. Carl Purselt, R-Plymouth, Deanis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Tay-lor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

AMUSEMENT PARKS — By a vote of 179 for and 188 against, the House rejected an amendment to sidetrack tougher federal regulation of amusement park rides.

This occurred during debate on a bill (HR 3450) extending the life of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which was later passed and sont to the Senate.

The vote left intact a proposal empowering the commission to inspect rides at fixed sites such as Disneyland, in cases where state regulation is inadequate or a malfunctioning ride has caused injury or death. Presently the commission only can regulate rides in traveling carnivals.

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The defeated amendment called for creating a commission to study the issue. Members voting no supported federal inspections of fixed-site amusement park rides. Voting yes: Broomfield. Voting not liertel, Ford, Levia. Not voting no liertel, Ford, Levia.

RECESS — By a vote of 208 for and 179 against, the House adopted a resolution (S Con Res 107) in favor of the House and Sonate backing a Presidents' Day recess Feb. 8-18.

The Senate also approved the measure and the recess, which lawmakers like to call a "district work period," took effect.

Members voting yes favored the 10-day recess.

cess. Voting yes: Democrats Hertel, Ford and

Levin.
Voting no: Republicans Pursett and Broom-

SENATE TO SELL CONRAIL — By a vote of 54 for and 39 against, the Senate passed a bill to sell

the government's 85 percent share of Conrait, the federally run rail freight agency, to Norfolk Southern Corp. for 1,2 billion.
Senators voting yes favored selling Conrait to the Norfolk Southern railroad.
Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted no.
This was a victory for the Reagan Administration. It was a defeat for Conrail's management, private railroads such as the Chessle system that would compete with the merged railroad, and midwestern shipping interests and lawnmakers.

Conrail, formed in 1976 out of the ruins of

Penn Central, has been profitable since 1982. Still, Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole said the federal government should get out of the rall freight business. The bill (5 638) was sent to the House, where

The bill (\$6.53) was sent to the House, where opposition to Norfolk Southern is stiffer than in the Senate. The leading rival offer is a \$1.4 billion tender from a group led by Morgan Stanley & Co., the New York investment house. Supporter Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., said of the transaction: "It is a good price. It is a good deal for the government. It is a good deal for the government is a good deal for the government is a good deal for the government. It is a good deal for the government in it as good deal for the government and the specific state of the specific sta



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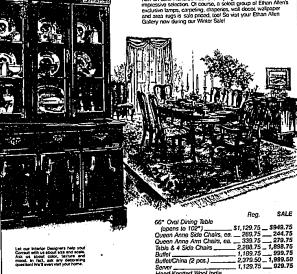
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