

## Roll Call Report

# House dumps bubonic plague research fund

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes during the week ending April 25.

### HOUSE

**THE PLAGUE** — By a vote of 246 for and 165 against, the House failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill authorizing \$1 million annually in fiscal 1987-88 research aimed at controlling the bubonic plague.

The Center of Disease Control says the highly contagious disease has become increasingly prevalent among wild rodents and humans, particularly in western states.

Because the bill (HR 4392) was debated under a short-cut parliamentary rule that prohibited amendments and limited debate, a two-thirds ma-

ajority was required for its passage. Supporter Bill Richardson, D-N.M., said "most people simply do not believe we have the plague in this country. While the plague is a relatively rare disease, it is a growing problem."

Opponent Howard Nottel, R-Utah, said that while the plague is a "legitimate problem" this money was not requested by the administration.

Members voting yes wanted to spend \$2 million over the next two years for research into the bubonic plague. Voting yes: Dennis Hertz, D-Detroit, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

**RESERVES** — By a vote of 374 for and 35 against, the House adopted an amendment to increase from \$30 million to \$285 million a special fiscal 1988 authorization for the Army and Air national guards and the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps reserves.

This occurred as the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 4420) designed to get a handle on runaway Armed Forces pension costs.

The additional \$255 million approved by this amendment, earmarked for items unrelated to pensions, slightly offsets the \$5.6 billion expected to be saved through 1991 by military pension reform.

Sponsor Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., said the \$285 million are "ba-

sic funds that will go to your armories back home; they will go to your municipal airports, there will be simulators... safety devices."

Opponent Les Aspin, D-Wis., said "what we are doing here in effect is saying that the Guard and Reserve should be exempt from the Gramm-Rudman cuts."

Members voting yes wanted to spend an additional \$255 million on the Guard and Reserve this fiscal year. Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Levin, Broomfield.

Voting no: Ford.

### SENATE

**REVENUE SHARING** — By a vote of 54 for and 40 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to retain general revenue sharing.

The vote leaves in place its scheduled termination next Sept. 30, at the end of fiscal 1986. A favorite of grassroots officials, but a target of Administration cost-cutters, general revenue sharing provides \$4.6 billion annually in open-ended grants to some 39,000 local governments nationwide.

The amendment was offered to S. Con Res 120, the congressional budget resolution for fiscal 1987, which remained under debate at week's

end. It is a fiscal blueprint to guide Senate and House decisions this year in such areas as domestic vs. military spending priorities and the amounts of individual money bills, and on major issues such as whether to raise taxes.

Slade Gorton, D-Wash., who voted to kill the amendment, said "I must say bluntly that for this senator there are literally dozens of federal programs which rank higher in priority than this one."

James Sasser, D-N.Y., who favored the amendment, called revenue sharing "a program that benefits middle America... the small towns and small communities of this country."

Sensors voting no wanted to preserve general revenue sharing. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted no.

**NUTRITION** — By a vote of 56 for and 40 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to the congressional budget resolution (above) to increase outlays by \$145 million in fiscal 1987 for nutrition, general health care and immunization programs for children.

Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who voted to kill the amendment, said it would mean higher taxes on the American public.

Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who sponsored the amendment asked: "Can we afford to spend \$15 million on military bands and refuse to spend an extra \$200 million (over three years) on crucial children's health programs?"

Sensors voting no wanted to increase spending on certain children's health programs. Levin and Riegle voted no.

## U-D to enroll for summer term

The University of Detroit will hold three academic sessions this summer, offering nearly 30 subjects.

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Registration for Term III and the presummer minitern will be held on Monday, May 5. Registration for the

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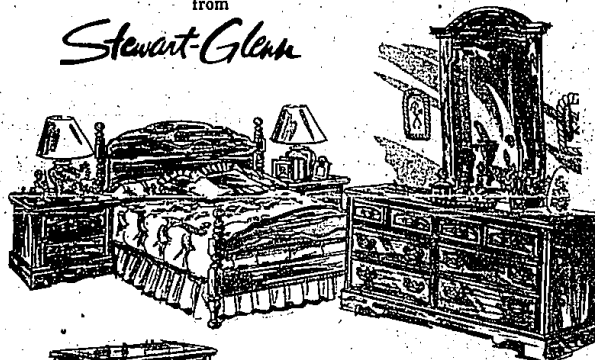
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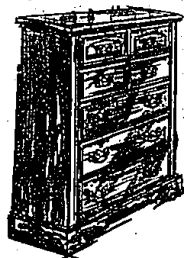
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