

Roll Call Report

Congress cuts spending 'old-fashioned way'

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

HOUSE

GRAMM-RUDMAN TEST — By a vote of 339 for and 72 against, the House adopted a resolution that reaffirmed the first round of budget cuts made under the new Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction act.

The \$111.7 billion in virtually across-the-board fiscal 1986 cuts was automatically triggered last

March 1 by the Comptroller of the Currency, under the law as it stood then.

But the cuts were vetoed by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that the trigger mechanism breaches the Constitution's separation of powers, because it gives executive branch authority to an official subversive to Congress.

So for the foreseeable future, at least, Congress must inflict the periodic Gramm-Rudman cuts by what Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., terms "The old-fashioned way — by voting for them."

This was the first such vote, with the next vote on Gramm-Rudman cuts affecting hundreds of programs likely to occur in October.

Critics say the substitution of record votes for an anonymous, automatic trigger will doom Gramm-Rudman, because too many lawmakers lack the courage to vote repeatedly to offend special interests and constituent groups.

Members voting yes supported the first round of Gramm-Rudman cuts.

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

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

LEGAL SERVICES CORP. — By a vote of 163 for and 278 against, the House rejected an amendment to kill the Legal Services Corp. by eliminating its proposed budget for fiscal 1987.

The vote left \$302.5 million for the agency in the 1987 appropriations bill for the judiciary and the departments of State, Justice and commerce and related agencies. The \$13 billion spending bill (HR 5161) was sent to the Senate.

President Reagan wants to terminate the agency, through which taxpayers provide legal assistance to the poor. But the House has increased its 1987 budget by \$13.1 million over the previous year.

Members voting yes wanted to eliminate the Legal Services Corp. Voting no: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin, and Broomfield.

TO CRIPPLE EDA — By a vote of 168 for and 302 against, the House rejected an amendment to cripple

the Economic Development Administration by eliminating most of its fiscal operating budget.

President Reagan has long wanted to terminate the agency, which has targeted federal grants and loan guarantees to the most depressed areas of the country. The administration argues these areas will benefit from "the rising tide" of economic recovery brought about by the president's policies.

Under this amendment, virtually all money for public works grants and related development projects, some \$190 million, would have been deleted from the 1987 EDA appropriation. The vote occurred during debate on HR 5161 (above).

Members voting yes wanted to virtually kill the Economic Development Administration.

Voting no: Pursell, Hertel, William Ford, Levin, Broomfield

SENATE

TREATY WITH BRITAIN — The Senate ratified, 87 for and 10 against, a treaty with Britain under which Irish Republican Army mem-

bers who are suspected terrorists can lose their safe haven in the United States and be extradited to Britain.

It sets a landmark precedent because it permits extradition even of those who claim their alleged crimes back home were politically motivated. This interrupts the American legal tradition, embedded in some 100 other extradition treaties, of harboring individuals whose crimes at home can be considered political crimes.

The pact with Britain is retroactive. The Senate vote finalized it because House concurrence is not required and president Reagan endorses the treaty. Supporters said the treaty was in order because acts of terror cannot be considered legitimate political dissent, while opponents said the American tradition of protecting political renegades from abroad should not be undermined.

Senators voting yes favored a treaty permitting IRA members accused of terrorist crimes to be extradited to Britain. Voting yes were Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle.

7 percent pay hike at UM-D

A \$24.8 million general fund budget for the University of Michigan-Dearborn includes a 7 percent salary

New Lottery claims office

Lottery players will have a new office in Southfield to file claims and receive prizes starting today.

The state Lottery Bureau located its claim center in the Clawson Building on Providence Drive, Nine Mile west of Greenfield. Located in Suite 120, it can be entered directly from the parking area at the rear of the building.

"We hope to provide more convenient access for more prize winners in Detroit and suburban areas with the move," said Lottery Commissioner Michael J. Carr. "Prizes below \$500 will still be paid directly by Lottery retailers, but we are now providing an increased number of higher prizes which can be collected at these two new offices."

increase that was warmly praised by UM-D Chancellor William A. Jenkins.

"Improving UM-D's salary position among the 16 public, four-year campuses in Michigan — currently near the bottom — is our No. 1 priority," Jenkins said after the U-M Board of Regents acted last week.

Salary increases were 5 percent for the Flint and Ann Arbor campuses of U-M.

Jenkins said \$12 million will be spent on the salary program and related fringe benefit increases. This is 61 percent of the \$2.3 million in new revenue UM-D is asking.

Tuition will rise 4.3 percent for Michigan residents, the same as at other campuses, and is the first hike in three years. Resident undergraduates will pay \$987 per semester for 12 credit hours.

In other Dearborn campus business last week, the U-M Board of Regents:

• Approved preparation of construction documents for a privately funded \$1.8 million robotics laboratory.

AAA asks House vote on deposits

AAA Michigan today urged the Michigan House of Representatives to reconvene by Sept. 4 to consider placing the question of requiring deposits on wine cooler and mixed liquor containers on the November ballot.

The state Senate voted in early July to put the matter before the voters, but the House adjourned for the summer before taking similar action.

Deadline for House approval so the matter can be included on the Nov. 4 ballot is Sept. 4, but the House will not reconvene until Sept. 9. The proposal also must be signed by the governor.



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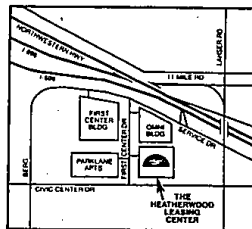
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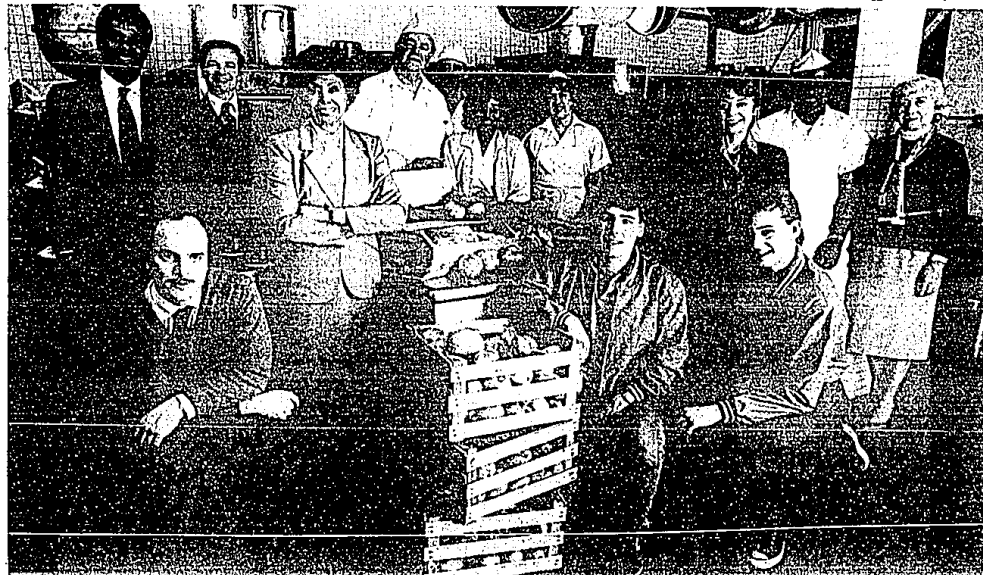
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