

Roll Call Report

House rejects cut in water, energy funding

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

HOUSE

ENERGY, WATER CUTS — By a vote of 167 for and 241 against, the House rejected an amendment to infuse a cut of 4.62 percent, or some \$730 million, in the fiscal 1987 energy and water appropriations bill.

The bill (HR 5162) then was sent to the Senate with a price tag of nearly \$15.6 billion. It funds Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation water projects, Department of Energy programs dealing with nuclear weapons and independent agencies such as the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Sponsor Bill French, R-Minn., said, "I am only trying to administer frugality in small doses" in hopes of chipping away at the annual deficit.

Opponent Virginia Smith, R-Neb., said, "Every dollar invested in water development yields benefits far in excess of that investment."

Members voting yes wanted to cut the bill by 4.62 percent. Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: William Ford, D-Taylor.

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL — The House rejected, 68 for and 351 against, an amendment designed to impede the Department of Energy's selection of an underground burial site for the nation's nuclear wastes.

The amendment was offered to the fiscal 1987 energy and water appropriations bill (above).

It sought to cut \$291 million from a \$677 million outlay for the selection process, in which the government is studying three potential sites in the states of Nevada, Texas and Washington for receiving spent fuel from America's nuclear power plants. Nuclear wastes are being stored temporarily above ground at some 100 power plants nationwide.

Sponsor Jim Weaver, D-Ore., said, "The Department of Energy has stumbled badly" in narrowing the list to three areas. "In many instances, political decisions were made, not scientific and engineering decisions."

Opponent Morris Udall, D-Ariz., said adoption of the amendment would "bring to a grinding halt" the government's lengthy and painstaking effort to put America's nuclear wastes permanently underground.

Members voting yes wanted to impede the nuclear dump selection process.

Voting no: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

DRUGS IN D.C. — By a vote of 183 for and 229 against, the House rejected an amendment to alter the District of Columbia budget by shifting \$1 million from the D.C. Arts and Humanities Commission to the Metropolitan Police Department's effort against drug trafficking.

This occurred as the House debated and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 5175) appropriating \$2.9 billion for D.C. operating and capital expenses in fiscal 1987.

Sponsor Robert Walker, R-Pa., said, "Our most important national priority at the present time is to fight a war on drugs."

Opponent Richard Durbin, D-Ill.,

accused Walker of grandstanding, denouncing the amendment as "eyewash designed not to support a war on drugs but to support a speech on the floor and a press release."

Members voting yes supported the amendment. Voting yes: Republicans Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

SENATE

MANION NOMINATION — By a vote of 49 for and 50 against, the Senate refused to block the nomination of South Bend, Ind., attorney

Daniel Manion to sit on the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago.

This had the effect of installing the arch-conservative Manion in the circuit judgeship, coming after a Senate vote in June that tentatively confirmed his nomination. On this vote, Sens. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., were absent, and Vice-President George Bush voted in behalf of Manion.

John Kerry, D-Mass., who voted to shelve the nomination, termed Manion a right-wing ideologue who

"can claim no serious legal credentials."

Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, called Manion "eminently qualified to sit

on the federal bench. . ."

Senators voting no supported the Manion nomination.

Voting yes, and thus opposing Manion, were Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle.

Milestone for Ford plant

The 1,600 employees at Ford Motor Co.'s Dearborn Engine Plant this week celebrated production of the three millionth four-cylinder engine built there since the plant's \$550 million renovation in 1978.

From 1953 to 1978, Ford built eight-cylinder engines at the plant. Although accurate production data

from those years is unavailable, Ford spokesmen estimated that more than 20 million eight-cylinder engines were produced at Dearborn Engine before market trends steered it into the four-cylinder business.

Today the plant produces 1.9-liter engines for the Ford Escort and Mercury Lynx. It also produces 96

percent of the fuel tanks for Ford cars and trucks.

Dearborn Engine was built for the U.S. government in 1941 to produce engines for World War II aircraft. Ford purchased the building in 1947 and used it for parts storage until its conversion to engine production.



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OCC will screen chef applicants

A special apprenticeship program for chefs again will be offered through Oakland Community College this fall.

The program provides 6,000 hours of on-the-job training, according to Chef Kevin Enright, coordinator of the program at OCC. He can be contacted for registration information at 471-7779.

Completion of the program leads to a recommendation for a certificate of apprenticeship as a journeyman chef. Participants also will enroll in OCC courses leading to an associate degree.

Screening of applicants will take place 8:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, in Tirrell Hall on OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. Applicants should bring a certified check for \$60 made out to Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association; the check is refundable if the applicant isn't accepted.

Applicants also should bring a handwritten essay of 150 words on "Why I Desire a Career in Culinary Arts," a high school diploma, a resume, a record of documented work experience and references, and any post-high school transcripts.

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