Roll Call Report

House kills attempt to rehire air controllers

Here's how area members of Con-gress were recorded on major roll-call votes during the week ending Aug. 1.

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against, the House rejected an amendment v1 force the Federal Architon Administration to rehite Language and the first traffic controllers fired by President traffic controllers for the Indianal State of a 10.3 billion fiscal 1987 appropriations bill (IR \$205) for the Department of Transportation and related agencies. As later sent to the Senate, the bill gave the government the option of rehiring the strikers.

Sponsor Guy Molinari, R-N-Y.

said "the controller force now is largely inexperienced" and warned that "the system needs relief before tragedy occurs."

Opporent Robert Lagomarsino, R-Calif., said adoption of the amendment "would say that the president's actions were wrong" and encourage future Illegal strikes by federal civil servants.

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Members voting yes supported mandatory rebiring of 1,000 air traf-fic controllers.

Voting yes: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no, Carl Pursell, R-Plym-outh, William Broomfield, R-Bir-mingham.

AMTRAK — The House rejected, 169 for and 248 against, an amendment to freeze the fiscal 1897 appropriations for Amtrak at the level of the agency's 1986 appropriations. Offered to HR \$205 (above), the amendment sought to reduce the 1987 figure by \$22.3 million, to \$550.7 million. The federal payment subsidizes operating costs that Amtrak cannot meet through ticket sales.

'Alarming' shortage of blood

The American Red Cross is suffering the worst summer blood short-age in years, according to the Red Cross Blood Services of Southeastern Michigan Region.
Red Cross executive director, Dr. A. William Shafer, said the status of the blood supply is "frightening and alarming."

Projections of blood collections for the next six weeks are bleak, he

for the next six weeks are bleak, he said.
Hospitals are determining whether to proceed with elective surgeries based upon the amount of blood the patient will require. All blood types are needed, especially Type Onegative and positive.
According to the local Red Cross, blood regions across the country are reporting severe shortages.
Blood can be donated at donor center in Bloomfield Hills, Livonia, Oak Park, Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor. All centers have evening hours and are open Saturday Irom 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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For an appointment to donate blood at any donor center, call 494-2800 or toll free, 1-800-552-5466. While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome, the Red Cross

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U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, voted to support mandatory rehiring of 1,000 air traffic controllers while Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth Township, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, opposed.

Noting that federal subsidies are estimated at \$20 to \$33 per passenger, sponsor Hank Brown, R-Color, said the agency "can live with the same level of subsidies they had last year."

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Opponent William Lehman, R-Fla,, sald "we are destroying Amtrak" If the House approves the cut.

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Members voting yes wanted to
block a slight increase in Amtrak
spending.

Voting yes: Broomfield.

Voting no: Pursell, Hertel., Willamm Ford, Levin.

CUTTING SPENDING — The House rejected, 164 for and 253 against, an amendment to cut about "1.6 billion from a \$103.7 billion fiscal 1987 appropriating bill for the departments fo Education and Health and Human Services and related agencies."

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Had the GOP-sponsored amend-ment succeeded, hikes in the bill's discretionary spending would have been limited to 3 percent over fiscal 2886 levels. Rejection of the amend-ment paved the way for a 10 percent hike.

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About three out of every four dollars in the bill are committed to entitlement programs and thus are uncuttable.

Members voting yes wanted to cut the bill's discretionary spending by \$1.6 billion.

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Voting yes: Broomfield.

Voting no: Pursell, Hertel, Willllam Ford, Levin.

SENATE

TO REPAIR GRAMM-RUDMAN

By a vote of 63 for and 36 against, the Senate adopted an amendment to repair the part of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget-balancing law that the U.S. Supreme Court has rolled unconstitutionane Court has rolled unconstitutional and the conference with the House, that raisconference with the House, that raisconference with the House, that raisconference with the House, that rais-

roled unconstitutional was added to a Theorem Court and Budget, an executive branch agency, the ultimate authority to trigger spending cuts that the law mandates when Congress and the president cannot meet deadlines for periodically lowering the annual deficit.

icit.
Supporter Phil Gramm, R-Tex., said the amendment reinforces "our commitment to the American people to bring the deficit under control and to balance the budget."
Opponent Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., said it is "properly and constitutionally the responsibility of Congress" rather than the OMB to cut speeding.

gress: rather than the UMB to cut spending. Senators voting yes favored the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings repair. Voting yes: Carl Levin. Voting no; Donald Riegle.

TO REPEAL GRAMM-RUDMAN TO REPEAL GRAMM-RUDMAN

The Sanate rejected, 30 for and 69
against, an amendment to the debtcelling legislation (above) to repeal
the seven-month-old Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget law.
Under an automatic across-theboard cutting mechanism, the law

Voting no: Levin.

WINDFALL PROFITS TAX — By a vote of 47 for and 51 against, the Senate refused to table (kill) legislation to repeal the windfall profils tax on oil extracted in the United States. The repeal remained part of HJ Res 688 (above).

The tax was imposed in 1980 along with the removal of federal oil price controls. It applied to the difference between a base price (comparable to

the controlled price) and the market price of oil. Since market prices have plummeted, the tax has virtual-ly ceased producing revenue.

Supporters six years ago predicted the levy would generate \$227 billion for the Treasury by the time it ex-pired in the early 1909s. But it has yielded only \$75 billion to date.

Senators voting no wanted repeal the windfall profits tax.
Voting yes: Levin, Riegle.



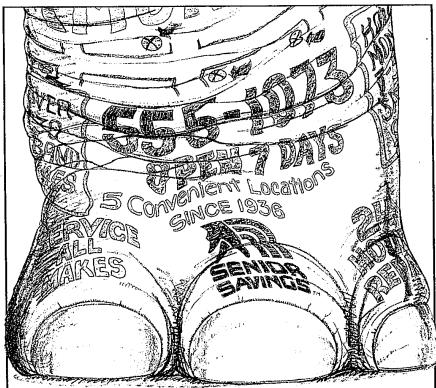
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