

Roll Call Report

GOP backs covert aid to Angola rebels

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll-call votes through Sept. 19.

HOUSE

COVERT AID — The House voted, 229 for and 186 against, to permit covert U.S. aid to anti-communist rebels fighting to topple the Soviet-backed government of Angola.

This killed a proposed requirement that the administration go through normal congressional channels, including open debate, to obtain money for the insurgent troops led by Jonas Savimbi.

The secret aid is said to total \$16 million annually.

The vote occurred during consideration of H.R. 4579, the fiscal 1987 authorization bill for the CIA and other intelligence agencies that later was sent to the Senate.

As with the similar dispute over aiding Contra rebels in Nicaragua, a key issue here was how much involvement Congress and the American public should have in shaping major foreign policy decisions.

Supporter Robert Stump, R-Ariz., said "it is a tough world and some things must be done in secret to be successful."

Opponent Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., said "under the Constitution both the Congress and the president should be involved" in setting foreign policy.

Members voting yes wanted aid to

the Angolan rebels to be provided secretly.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

SOUTH AFRICA — By a vote of 308 for and 77 against, the House gave final congressional approval of tough economic sanctions against South Africa.

The bill (H.R. 4868) was sent to the White House, where a presidential veto was expected despite apparently veto-proof margins of support in the House and Senate.

In part, the sweeping measure bans many forms of new U.S. investment in South Africa, prohibits imports of South African textiles, arms, coal, iron, steel and other goods, denies U.S. landing rights to South African air carriers, and bans exports to South Africa of such American products as munitions, crude oil and certain computer goods and services.

Supporters said sanctions are needed to pressure the white-minority government in Pretoria to begin dismantling apartheid, while foes said blacks in South Africa would be hurt most by the economic penalties.

Members voting yes favored the sanctions legislation.

Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Wil-

liam Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

PHILIPPINES AID — By a vote of 203 for and 197 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a special \$200 million appropriation for the Philippines.

The measure (H.J. Res. 732) was rushed to the floor, without hearings, the same day Philippine President Corason Aquino spoke to a joint session of Congress.

Called by one foe "a \$200 million honorarium" for her speech, the money supplements several hundred million dollars in fiscal 1986 economic and military aid already approved by Congress for the Philippines.

Calling Aquino probably "the last, best hope for democracy in the Philippines," supporter Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., said "it is in our fundamental national interest to strengthen the hand of this courageous woman who came before us earlier today."

Opponent Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., criticized Aquino for refusing to commit herself to renewing leases for the Pentagon's Subic Bay Naval Station and Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

Members voting yes favored extra foreign aid for the Philippines.

Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, William Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

SENATE

REHNQUIST NOMINATION — The Senate confirmed, 65 for and 33

against, William Rehnquist as the 16th Chief Justice of the United States.

Supporter Robert Dole, R-Kans., said Rehnquist "has the sensitivity and the compassion and certainly

the integrity and the intellect" to lead the high court.

Opponent Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said "of all the persons qualified for the Supreme Court, the president has chosen one of those

most hostile to basic individual rights."

Senators voting yes supported the Rehnquist nomination.

Voting no: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle.

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