

# Broomfield bucks Dems' protectionist bill

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending May 1.

## HOUSE

**TRADE BILL** — By a vote of 280 for and 115 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a tough, retaliatory measure (HR 3) to help American industry and force cuts in the nation's trade deficit, which reached a record \$170 billion in 1986.

Drafted by Democrats and denounced as protectionist by President Reagan, the 696-page bill limits the executive branch's ability to avoid retaliation in combating trade imbalances and resolving complaints against a specific trading partner.

Also, the bill provides additional aid for laid-off workers and relief for import-battered industries, creates a competitiveness council to promote U.S. exports, tries to ease

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the Third World debt repayment problems, imposes certain "Buy America" requirements and sets mechanisms to establish favorable currency exchange rates.

Supporter Jim Wright, D-Tex., said, "If you are really serious about wanting to improve America's competitiveness, here is your opportunity."

Opponent Willis Gradison, R-Ohio, warned, "If ever there was a case of false advertising, it is to say we can cut the trade deficit by passing protectionist legislation."

Members voting yes favored the trade measure. Voting yes: Carl Parnell, R-Plymouth, and Democrats Dennis Hertel of Harper Woods, William Ford of Taylor and Sander Lev-

in of Southfield.  
Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**TO RETALIATE** — By a vote of 218 for and 214 against, the House amended its trade bill (above) to require the government to force 10 percent annual reductions in U.S. trade deficits with nations judged to have used unfair tactics to build trade surpluses over America.

The internationally provocative Gephardt amendment was denounced as protectionist by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and lauded by the AFL-CIO as a strike for fair trade.

It would be triggered against countries such as Japan, South Korea and Taiwan if the intermediate steps of negotiation and limited retaliation failed to remove the countries' large surpluses or unfair practices. It replaced a less severe provision in the bill that stopped short of mandatory 10 percent reductions.

Sponsor Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said "the bottom line is pressure" in dealing with formidable trading partners.

Opponent Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., called the amendment "too dra-

conian to be effective."

Members voting yes wanted presidents to be able to force 10 percent annual cuts in the American trade deficit with certain countries. Voting yes: Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Republicans Pursell and Broomfield.

**GOP SUBSTITUTE** — The House rejected, 156 for and 268 against, the Republican alternative to the Democratic-drafted trade bill (above).

The GOP endorsed the thrust of the bill but sought to strip it of specifics such as the Gephardt amendment requiring mandatory retaliation, "Buy American" language, new disclosure requirements for foreign investors, provisions setting favorable exchange rates for the dollar

and language creating new agencies to spur American competitiveness and ease the Third World debt repayment problem.

Members voting yes supported the GOP version of the sweeping trade bill. Voting yes were Republicans Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

## SENATE

**DEMOCRATIC BUDGET** — By a vote of 50 for and 49 against, the Senate gave preliminary approval of the Democratic majority's version of the fiscal 1988 federal budget (\$ Con Res 49).

Although the vote was on a procedural issue, it signaled the Democratic budget blueprint will be ap-

proved when a final Senate vote occurs in early May.

The \$1.1 trillion Democratic budget for the fiscal year beginning in October authorizes higher domestic spending than President Reagan wants, sets Pentagon spending at \$13 billion less than the \$207 billion requested by Reagan, and provides \$18.5 billion in new revenue including about \$11 billion in new taxes.

Regarding its projected deficit, Republicans accused Democrats of using creative bookkeeping to comply with the \$108 billion in fiscal 1988 red ink permitted under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law.

Senators voting yes endorsed the Democrats' fiscal 1988 budget blueprint. Voting yes were Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle.

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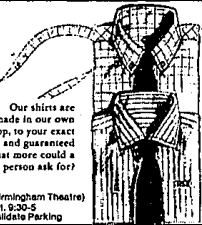
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