

# House rejects GOP housing bill substitute

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending June 12.

## HOUSE

**HOUSING BILL** — By a vote of 179 for and 246 against, the House rejected a Republican alternative to a bill drafted by Democrats (HR 4) authorizing housing and community development programs next fiscal year at a cost of \$15.9 billion.

The bill, which was sent to conference with the Senate, funds more than 50 programs and goes nearly \$5 billion beyond President Reagan's budget request.

This amendment sought to trim its price tag by \$1.7 billion, cutting spending for programs such as public housing and "Section 8" rental assistance for the poor. And it tried to eliminate a new \$100 million "Nehemiah" program under which moderate- and low-income people would get forgivable \$15,000 loans for home purchases.

David Dreier, R-Calif., who voted for the substitute, called the bill "a menace to those who benefit from, administer and pay for our housing and community development programs."

Amendment foe Henry Gonzalez, D-Tex., said the bill's outlay for housing is less than was spent before the Reagan Administration took office.

Members voting yes supported the

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**GOP substitute.** Voting yes: Carl Parnell, R-Plymouth, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

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

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** — By a vote of 176 for and 249 against, the House rejected an amendment to eliminate language in behalf of collective bargaining from the fiscal 1988 omnibus housing and community development bill (above).

At issue was a requirement in the bill that existing bargaining agreements be preserved when management of a public housing project is transferred from a housing authority to a tenant-run corporation.

The bill enables tenants to take control of their complexes and hire new personnel for maintenance and other tasks.

Supporters of the amendment said the bill's collective bargaining language would make it difficult for tenants to manage their units efficiently and economically, while opponents said the requirement only preserves existing labor agreements.

Members voting yes wanted to strike the language in behalf of collective bargaining. Voting yes: Parnell, Broomfield.

Voting no: Hertel, Ford, Levin.

## SENATE

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE** — By a vote of 52 for and 47 against, the Senate failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to end a GOP filibuster against Democratic legislation overhauling campaign finance laws.

This kept a freeze on legislation (S 2) to begin a system, voluntary for candidates, a public financing of congressional general election campaigns coupled with spending limits on primary and general races.

Public funds would be raised by a tax return check-off similar to the mechanism for public funding of

presidential races. Total political action committee (PAC) contributions to congressional candidates during an election cycle would be limited, even for candidates refusing public funding and the accompanying spending limits.

While Republicans generally opposed the bill's spending limits and public financing, most were sponsoring alternative reform bills, such as a GOP measure to prohibit PAC contributions directly to congressional candidates.

Most senators voting yes support public financing of congressional races and campaign spending limits.

Voting yes were Michigan Demo-

crats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle. **BUDGET WAIVER** — The Senate voted 48 for and 42 against to loosen fiscal restraints in the 1988 Congressional Budget Resolution to make room for \$76 million in new spending expected if the bill (above) pro-


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