

# House lumps \$600 billion into one big bill

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the closing days of the 1987 session of the 100th Congress.

## HOUSE

**DEFICIT BILL** — By a vote of 237 for and 181 against, the House approved the "reconciliation bill," one of two pillars of the anti-deficit agreement that the White House and Congress reached in the wake of the Oct. 19 stock market crash.

The Senate also passed the bill (H.R. 2543) in the closing hours of the 1987 congressional year, and President Reagan signed it.

Combined, the two bills will seal back the projected deficit for the current fiscal year, 1988, by about \$33 billion, from \$100 billion to about \$147 billion.

The reconciliation bill is designed to achieve about \$17.6 billion of the 1988 reduction, mainly through tax hikes on corporations and the wealthy and cuts in farm subsidies and Medicare outlays.

Members voting yes supported the reconciliation bill.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**CONTINUING RESOLUTION** — By a vote of 209 for and 208 against, the House approved the \$600 billion "continuing resolution" that wraps all 15 appropriations bills into a massive spending measure for fiscal 1988.

The bill was necessary because Congress could not follow the traditional procedure of passing the bills individually.

In addition to funding most of the federal government this fiscal year, the measure (H.J. Res 395) achieves nearly half of the \$33 billion in 1988 deficit reductions called for in the White House-Capitol Hill budget

## Roll Call Report

summit (see preceding vote)

The Senate (below) also approved the measure and President Reagan signed it into law.

Among hotly-disputed provisions, the bill provides \$8.1 million for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, allows up to 20 states to permit 65 mph driving on limited-access highways

in addition to Interstates, designates Yucca Mountain in Nevada as the primary site for underground storage of the nation's nuclear wastes and allows President Reagan to bar Japanese companies from federally-funded construction projects under certain conditions.

Members voting yes supported the

continuing resolution.

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

**REPRIMANDING REP. MURPHY** — The House voted, 324 for and 68 against, to reprimand Rep. Austin Murphy, D-Pa., on the basis of its ethics committee's findings.

The committee found Murphy kept a no-show employee on the government payroll, diverted equipment and other public resources to the private use of his former law firm and permitted another member to "ghost vote" for him on the House floor.

A reprimand is the mildest penal-

ty the House can level on one of its errant members. Murphy is the first House member disciplined by the ethics panel since 1984.

Members voting yes wanted to reprimand Rep. Austin Murphy, D-Pa.

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.

## SENATE

**RECONCILIATION BILL** — The Senate passed, 61 for and 28 against,

a bill to slow the growth of the fiscal 1988 deficit by \$17.6 billion, mainly by raising taxes on corporations and wealthy individuals and cutting farm subsidies and Medicare reimbursements.

As set by the Capitol Hill-White House budget summit held in response to the Oct. 19 stock market crash, the bill (H.R. 2545) is one of two legislative initiatives to cut the anticipated 1988 deficit from \$180 billion to about \$147 billion.

Senators voting yes supported the reconciliation bill. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

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