

# Party-line split in Contra aid bill vote

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Feb. 5.

## HOUSE

### Roll Call Report

**CONTRA AID** — By a vote of 211 for and 219 against, the House rejected legislation (H.R. 444) to provide an additional \$36.2 million in non-lethal and military aid to the American-backed Contra army that

since 1981 has been fighting Nicaragua's Marxist government.

The vote may have killed President Reagan's policy to establish the Contra guerrillas as a formidable military force in Nicaragua.

The president said keeping the Contra battle-ready would force Nicaragua to adhere to the democratization requirements of the Central American peace plan.

But critics of his policy agreed with Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, chief architect of the peace process, that rearming the Contras would undercut ongoing efforts to moderate Nicaragua's Marxist state and pacify Central America.

Members voting yes favored additional military and non-lethal aid to the Contras. Republicans Carl Pursell of Plymouth and William Broomfield of Birmingham voted yes.

Voting no were Democrats Dennis Hertel of Harper Woods, William Ford of Taylor and Sander Levin of Southfield.

**CIVIL SERVICE APPEAL** — By a vote of 365 for and 21 against, the House passed a bill (H.R. 3875) expanding the job rights of a category of civil service employees consisting mainly of attorneys, scientists and chaplains.

The bill, which was sent to the Senate, benefits certain "excepted" civil servants who are being fired or

subjected to some other punitive action. Estimated to number at least 300,000, these workers are professionals who were allowed to bypass the civil service exam when they were hired.

The bill gives them the same rights of notification and appeals to the Merit Systems Protection Board that apply to civil servants who took the competitive exam.

Supporter Frank Horton, R-N.Y., said it "isn't fair" for this category of workers to be denied the job rights in question.

Opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said the better solution is to stop exempting so many federal employees from the civil service exam.

Members voting yes favored the bill. Pursell, Hertel, Ford and Levin voted yes.

Broomfield did not vote.

## SENATE

**CONFIRMING KENNEDY** — By a

vote of 97-0, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Anthony Kennedy as the 104th justice of the Supreme Court. Kennedy is to be sworn in Feb. 18.

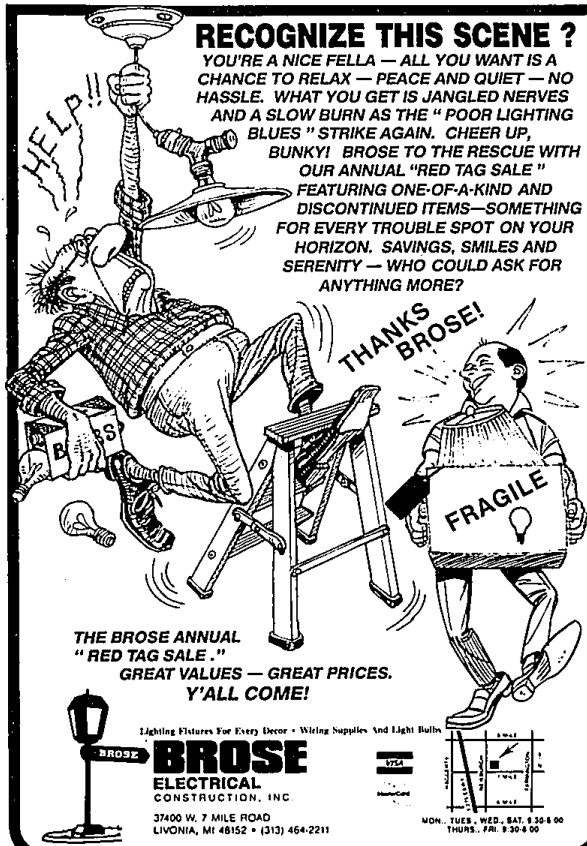
All senators voted for confirmation except Joseph Biden, D-Del., who was ill, and presidential candidates Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., and Paul Simon, D-Ill.

**CONTRA AID** — By a vote of 51 for and 48 against, the Senate approved President Reagan's request for \$30.2 million in military and non-lethal aid to the Contra rebels fighting to destabilize Nicaragua's Marxist government.

This was only a symbolic victory for the president, because the aid request was permanently rejected a day earlier when the House (above) voted to kill it.

Senators voting yes supported the president's contra aid request.

Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle both voted no.



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It allocated \$1.16 million for Oakland-Pontiac Airport, for resurfacing and marking runway 9R/27L, constructing blast pads, grading the

safety area and reimbursement for land acquired for hangar development.

The runway is breaking up and must be resurfaced, the state panel said. Two blast pads will control erosion at the ends of the runway.

It will be paid for by \$1.05 million in federal, \$50,000 in state and \$65,000 in county funds.

For Oakland-Troy Airport, the state allocated a supplemental \$22,600 for constructing and marking a partial parallel taxiway approved in 1987. Half of the money comes from the state and half from county coffers.

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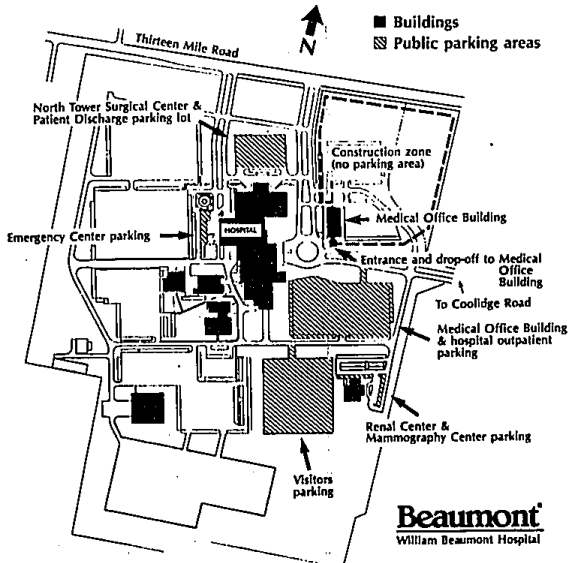
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One of our primary goals is to provide you parking as close as possible to the hospital or to your appointment location. To begin that process, we are building a parking structure. Until that structure is completed this November, we ask for your patience while we relocate surface parking.

A shuttle bus service is available between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. from the Medical Office Building lot and from the Visitors lot.

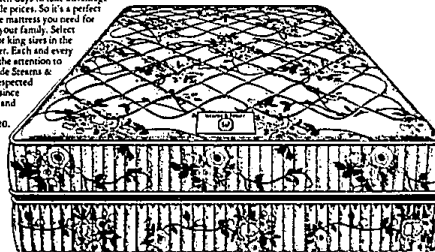


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