House hikes '88 committee probe money

Here's how members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending March 18.

HOUSE

COMMITTEE BUDGETS — By a vote of 302 for and 104 against, the House authorized a \$49.4 million budget (iff Res 388) for some of its committee operations in calendar 1988. This is an increase of about \$1.5 million, or 3 percent, over the comparable 1987 resolution. The \$49.4 million is expected to fund roughly half of the cost of the House committee system this year, with the remainder provided by the legislative branch appropriation bill. This "investigations and studies" budget covers domestic travel, consultant, mis-celinary and salaries for more than half of the nearly 2,000 flusse committee employees. Supporter Joseph Gaydos, D-Pa, termed the measure "the best possible agreement" on committee fund

Roll Call Report

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Members voting yes supported the committee funding resolution. Voting yes were: Dennis Hertel, D.

Lakes and New York Harbor outlays violated restrictions on new federal programs contained in the 1987 "budget summit" agreement between Congress and the White House.

House
Opponent Toby Roth, R-Wis, said
the erosion control grants "will provide vital relief" along the 365-mile
Great Lakes shoreline.
Members voting yes wanted to
strip the Great Lakes and New York
Harbor programs from the bill. No
one from Michigan voted yes.
Voting no were Persell, Hertel,
Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

SENATE

NUCLEAR LIABILITY — By a vote of 53 for and 41 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment making private operators of federal nuclear weapons plants financially liable for accidents caused by their gross negligence. The vote pre-

The vote preserved the system whereby the U.S. Treasury rather than contractors must pay damages in such instances.

It occurred during debate on legis-lation (HR 1414) to reauthorize the Price-Anderson Act, which limits the damages paid to victims of a cata-strophic accident at a nuclear power

strophie accident at a nuclear power plant or weapons facility. Bennett Johnston, D-La., voted to table the amendment because, he sald, it would "drive away the best of our nuclear contractors." William Proximite, D-Wis, said the government now "has no way of punishing (nuclear weapons) contractors with the processing of the property of the propert

lems."
Senators voting yes were opposed Senators voting yes were opposed to making nuclear weapons contractors linancially liable for their accidents.

Michigan Democrats Carl Levia and Donald Riegle voted no.

INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT— By a vote of 71 for and 19 against, the Senate passed and sent to the House a bill (S 1721) tightening the law under which presidents must no-tify Congress of major covert opera-tions.

It is a response to a scandal that developed after the administration of adied to tell Congress about its sale of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Supporter George Mitchell, D. Maine, said the bill makes it less broken or manipulated in the furner.

Opponent Malcolm Wallop, R. Wyo, said the fact that the Iran-Contra misadventure eventually came light is proof of the intelligence community's accountability to Congress.

Senators voting yes wanted intelligence community's accountability to Congress.

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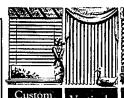
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