

# Pursell joins Dems to override trade bill

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending May 27.

## HOUSE

**TRADE BILL VETO** — The House voted 308 for and 113 against to override President Reagan's veto of a 1,200-page trade bill. Drafted by Democrats, the measure would toughen America's world trading stance while extending protection or benefits to companies and workers hurt by certain foreign competition. The president based his veto on the bill's limits on Alaskan oil exports and its requirement that employers give at least 60 days notice of plant closings or massive layoffs. A Senate vote on the veto was expected in early June.

Override supporter Dan Rosten-

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kowski, D-Ill., said a congressman voted out of office "gets from November to January to clear out his desk. . . . Are you telling me the American worker deserves any less?"

Philip Crane, R-Ill., who supported the veto, said the bill contains "a monstrous 500 pages of counterproductive protectionist provisions. . . ."

Members voting yes supported the trade bill. Voting yes were Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no was William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**CONTRA AID** — By a vote of 190 for and 214 against, the House rejected an amendment to convert Central Intelligence Agency reserve funds into military and paramilitary aid to the Contras in Nicaragua.

An unspecified amount was to have been released next fiscal year to the CIA-backed rebels opposing the Nicaragua's Marxist government. Congress has banned further military aid to the Contras this fiscal year so long as Central American peace talks remain on course.

The amendment was proposed to an intelligence agencies' funding bill (HR 4387) later sent to the Senate. Supporters argued the Contras are rebuilding its forces during the current cease-fire.

Foes said the inevitable defeat of the amendment would weaken Contra bargaining power in peace negotiations with the Sandinistas.

Members voting yes wanted to resume military aid to the Contras. Voting yes were Republicans Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no were Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

## SENATE

**TO INTERPRET INF** — By a vote of 72 for and 27 against, the Senate approved language to prevent the American-Soviet INF (intermediate-range, nuclear-armed) treaty from being misinterpreted in the future. Added to the treaty's ratification

resolution, the language says interpretation domestically must be "in accordance with the common understanding" between the Senate and White House at the time of ratification.

Sponsors said the language was prompted by the Reagan Administration's current attempt to broadly interpret the 1972 American-Soviet ABM treaty. The administration argues certain Strategic Defense Initiative testing is permitted under the ABM pact.

Opponent Dan Quayle, R-Ind., said the language violates the constitutional directive that presidents have "the power to interpret . . . and implement treaties."

Senators voting yes favored the language. Voting yes were Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle.

**TREATY APPROVED** — By a vote of 93 for and 5 against, the Senate approved the treaty between the

United States and the Soviet Union eliminating their arsenals of medium-range nuclear missiles and preventing any replenishment.

The treaty took effect during the recent U.S.-Soviet summit.

It would cause the destruction within three years of 859 U.S. missiles and 1,336 Soviet missiles bearing an undetermined number of warheads.

In addition to eliminating all medium-distance missiles deployed in Western Europe, the Soviet Union, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, INF would do away with missiles and related equipment in U.S. and Soviet factories. It provides for on-site verification.

Supporter Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said "having signed the INF treaty, President Reagan continues his determined efforts to achieve a safer world."

Senators voting yes supported the INF treaty. Michigan's Riegle and Levin voted yes.

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