

House votes to buy Manassas Battlefield

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Here is how area members of Congress were recorded on recent major roll call votes.

HOUSE

Roll Call Report

MANASSAS PARK — By a vote of 307 for and 98 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 4526) authorizing the federal government to acquire 542 privately owned acres next to Manassas National Battlefield Park at an unspecified cost.

The Civil War's Second Battle of Manassas in 1862 occurred on and near the northern Virginia site which, if not federally protected, will be developed as a shopping mall.

Soldiers buried at the site "are owed more than having their graves paved over with a Burger King or a Bloomingdale's," said supporter Robert Mirazek, D-N.Y.

I object to . . . the U.S. Congress being used to settle a local land zoning dispute," said opponent Ron Marlenee, R-Mont.

Members voting yes favored federal protection of the Manassas tract. Voting yes: Dennis Hertel, D-

Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

FREE TRADE PACT — By a vote of 366 for and 40 against, the House passed a bill (HR 5090) implementing the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement. The newly negotiated pact is to phase out all tariffs and dismantle many other trade barriers between the North American neighbors.

Despite the many protectionist measures each country has layered on over the years to safeguard its industries, Canada and the United States have emerged as the world's most prolific pair of trading partners, exchanging more than \$166 billion in goods and services last year.

Both the U.S. Senate and the Canadian Parliament also must approve the agreement if it is to take effect. There is "vast potential for economic expansion and growth under this historic agreement," said supporter Philip Crane, R-Ill.

Pact negotiators "have run roughshod over the agriculture and natural resource industries in my state . . ." said opponent Olympia Snowe, R-Maine.

Members voting yes wanted the trade agreement implemented. Voting yes: Pursell, Levin and Broomfield.

Voting no: Hertel and Ford.

HUD BUDGET — By a vote of 373 for and 30 against, the House approved the conference report on a \$59.4 billion fiscal 1989 appropriations bill (HR 4800).

It finances the Department of

Housing and Urban Development and agencies such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Environmental Protection Agency and Veterans Administration.

While financing scores of existing housing, environmental, scientific and veterans programs, the bill also provides money for a major new venture — the manned space station. And it kills the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) program much favored by city revitalization officials.

The bill is "the best we could (do) under very difficult economic circumstances . . ." said supporter Bob Traxler, D-Mich.

The bill exceeds President Reagan's budget request by \$719 million, said opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa.

Members voting yes supported the

bill. Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

SENATE

CONTRA AID — The Senate adopted, 49 for and 47 against, an amendment providing \$27.1 million in additional non-military aid to Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's Marxist government.

This Democratic-drafted aid package stopped short of supplying military aid sought by the White House and most GOP senators (see issue below). But it did set the stage for sending \$18.3 million worth of stockpiled arms and military supplies to the Contras.

The amendment was attached to a fiscal 1989 defense appropriations bill (HR 4781) later sent to conference with the House.

Senators voting yes favored another installment of non-lethal aid to the Contras. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

TO REARM CONTRAS — By a vote of 57 for and 39 against, the Senate tabled (killed) a GOP-drafted Contra funding package providing for the immediate delivery of \$16.3 million in military aid and \$27.1 million in non-lethal assistance to the Nicaraguan rebels.

The administration and GOP leaders in the Senate supported the proposal, which sought to resume military aid that has been banned by Congress pending the outcome of Central American peace talks.

Senators voting yes were opposed to sending military as well as non-lethal aid to Contras. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

Dems to pick state ed ticket

Michigan Democrats will gather in Detroit's Cobo Hall this weekend to nominate education board candidates for their Nov. 8 ticket.

Their nominees will face some incumbent Republicans who were swept in with President Ronald Reagan eight years ago.

Two University of Michigan Board

of Regents, one from each party, have their terms expire this year. They are Deane Baker, Republican builder from Ann Arbor, and Nellie Varner, Democratic businesswoman from Detroit.

Two Democrats known to be seeking the party's second nomination

are Tom Lewand, Royal Oak area lawyer and close associate of Gov. James Blanchard; and Gerald Dunn, former state senator, former regent and currently a lobbyist for suburban K-12 school districts. The board currently has a 5-3 Democratic majority.

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