

Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending July 14.

HOUSE

FUNDING THE ARTS — By a vote of 361 for and 65 against, the House chose the midwest of three proposals before it for objecting to National Endowment for the Arts funding of offensive artwork. This occurred as the House sent to the Senate a bill (HR 2788) appropriating \$11.1 billion for the Interior Department and related agencies in fiscal 1990.

Debate centered on two projects funded by the endowment at a cost of \$45,000, one consisting of bizarre sexual photos and the other featuring a photo of a crucifix immersed in urine. This vote cut the endowment's 1990 funding by \$45,000. It killed competing amendments to eliminate or deeply cut the endowment's \$171 million budget for next year.

Supporter Ronald Coleman, D-Tex., said the \$45,000 penalty was adequate to send a message to the endowment, while opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said "the bureaucrats down at (the endowment) will look at a \$45,000 cut . . . as being laughable."

Members voting yes supported the midwest of three proposals for protesting the offensive artwork.

Michigan members voting yes were Carl Pursell, R-Flint, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield and William Broomfield, R-Lake Orion.

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST — By a vote of 144 for and 269 against, the House rejected an Agriculture Committee plan for regulat-

ing commercial logging in the 16.7 million-acre Tongass National Forest in southeastern Alaska. The vote preserved an Interior Committee bill, supported by environmentalists, for controlling tree cutting in America's largest national forest. The Interior measure (HR 957) later was sent to the Senate.

Both bills sought to repeal existing policies that critics say promote excessive cutting and environmentally unsound management of the forest. For example, both measures voided a required harvesting level and a permanent appropriation to bolster logging operations. But the Interior Committee bill was more protective of wilderness areas and spawning streams, and also pleased environmentalists by canceling long-term logging contracts.

Members voting yes favored the Agriculture Committee's Tongass National Forest timber bill over the Interior Committee's bill.

Michigan members voting no were Pursell, Hertel, Ford and Levin. Broomfield voted yes.

SENATE

LEGAL IMMIGRATION — By a vote of 81 for and 17 against, the Senate sent to the House a bill (S 358) overhauling the law governing legal immigration into the United States. Refugees and illegal immigrants are covered by separate laws.

While continuing the policy of awarding most visas on the basis of family ties, the bill gives special preference to people from Western Europe and elsewhere, who would be admitted because of their skills or education rather than family links. The bill sets a tentative ceiling of 63,000 immigrants annually for the first three years, extends special

hospitality to Chinese students and emigrants from Hong Kong and, in a move that will affect post-1990 legislative reapportionment, excludes illegal aliens from the official population count.

Senators voting yes supported the bill.

Michigan Democratic Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

TO PREVENT DEPORTATION — By a vote of 61 for and 38 against, the Senate adopted an amendment to prevent the deportation of illegal aliens who are members of the immediate family of persons who gained legal residence under the 1986 Immigration Reform Act. These family members must have entered the country before the law took effect.

Although dealing with illegal immigration, the provision was at-

tached to an overhaul (above) of the law regulating legal entry into the United States. Its purpose is to prevent the breakup of families in cases where not all members achieved legal residence under amnesty provisions of the 1986 law.

Sponsor John Chafee, R-R.I., called it "a basic American value to believe that the threat of family separation is wrong."

Opponent Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said members of the families at issue "chose to divide themselves" by crossing the border at different times.

Senators voting yes supported the amendment.

Michigan Senators Levin and Riegle voted yes.

PREFERENCE FOR SPEAKING ENGLISH — By a vote of 43 for and 56 against the Senate rejected an amendment giving a boost to visa

applicants who speak English. The proposal was offered to the new immigration bill (above). It sought to include the preference in a grading system to be used in admitting persons based on skills and education rather than family ties.

Sponsor Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said English-speaking immigrants "contribute to themselves and to the labor market more effectively and more immediately."

Opponent Paul Simon, D-Ill., listed 22 current senators having ancestors unable to speak English when they emigrated to America.

Senators voting yes supported the amendment.

Michigan Senators Levin and Riegle voted no.

CENSUS COUNT — By a vote of 41 for and 58 against, the Senate failed to table an amendment to end the Census Bureau's policy of includ-

ing illegal aliens in the population base for apportioning the House of Representatives. This occurred during debate on the new immigration bill (above). The amendment would make it difficult for western states with large numbers of undocumented citizens to take congressional districts away from other states.

Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., wanted to kill the amendment because, he said, the Constitution requires apportionment to be based on all persons, not just citizens.

Jesse Helms, R-N.C. said it was wrong for states like California to "have more seats in Congress thanks to people breaking the law . . ."

Senators voting yes want the Census Bureau to continue counting illegal aliens for purposes of apportioning the 435 House seats.

Michigan Sen. Levin voted no. Riegle voted yes.

skywatch

AUGUST features two New Moons, two eclipses (only one of which is visible to us), a meteor shower and the Voyager Two encounter with the planet Neptune.

Of the five visible naked-eye planets, only Jupiter can be seen in the pre-dawn sky. Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn are all in the evening sky, but only Venus and Saturn can be seen easily.

The amount of sunlight we receive decreases by one hour and 14 minutes this month. On Aug. 1, sunrise is at 6:25 a.m. and sunset is at 8:51 p.m., allowing for a possible 14 hours and 26 minutes of sunlight. On Aug. 31 these times are 6:56 a.m. and 8:08 p.m., for a possible 13 hours and 12 minutes of sun.

The first of August's two new

moon phases occurs at 12:06 p.m. on Aug. 1. The moon is between the earth and the sun and is not visible.

Look for the waxing (growing) crescent moon on the evening of the 4th. Face west about 45 minutes after sunset. The bright "star" about eight degrees to the right of the moon is Venus. Venus will be in the evening sky for the rest of the year, and will become more prominent by mid-October.

THE MOON is in the constellation of Virgo on the evening of the 6th. The star above and to the left of the moon is Spica (SPYca). By the next night the moon has moved to the left of Spica.

First Quarter Moon is at 1:28 p.m. on the 9th. The moon is one-quarter

of its way around the earth. Although this phase is called "first quarter," note that the moon is actually one-half lighted.

On the 10th the moon is in Scorpius. The star to the left of the moon is Antares (an Tar ees), the "heart" of the scorpion. Look closely at Antares and you'll notice it has a red color, justifying its name which means "rival of Mars." By the next night the moon is to the left of Antares.

One of the year's best meteor showers, the Persids (PER see ids), reaches its peak on the morning of Aug. 12. Meteor showers are named for the constellation from which they appear to radiate, in this case Perseus.

Meteors are more commonly

known as "falling stars" because they look like little stars falling from the sky. Some American Indians thought they were stars running from danger. But they have nothing to do with stars; meteors are rocks falling out of the sky.

Out in space there are rocks, stones, grains of dust, and other rubbish tumbling around. If one of these objects falls into our atmosphere it heats up because of friction and burns, and gives off light. A patient skywatcher can expect to see a few sporadic (occasional) meteors any clear night.

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