

Broomfield does about face on federal abortion funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poverty should not prevent a rape or incest victim from getting an abortion, U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, said after becoming the only member of Michigan's congressional delegation to change his position on federal abortion funding.

"I just don't believe that anyone who is a victim of rape or incest should be denied this right (to an abortion)," the longtime representative of the 18th District said in a prepared statement Wednesday. "If it is legal for someone who can afford it, how can we make it illegal for a victim of rape or incest who is poor?"

Cancer self-help group

A Focus on Living (with cancer) meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at Providence Hospital, 16001 West Nine Mile Road, Southfield.

The purpose of this self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who have questions or are experiencing problems as a

bill to alter the eight-year federal policy against spending taxpayer money for abortions except to save the mother's life.

The bill would have broadened the criteria to allow funding of abortions for women who became pregnant from rape or incest.

The vote was 231-191 in favor of overriding the veto. Because the margin was smaller than the two-thirds majority required to override, the veto was sustained.

All of Michigan's representatives except Broomfield voted the same way on the issue as they had when the bill cleared the House two weeks ago.

result of living with cancer. With the assistance of a nurse consultant and other resource persons, participants are encouraged to discuss their mutual problems in a positive manner.

For additional information, contact the American Cancer Society at 557-5353.

Broomfield's statement did not explain his change of heart. His spokesman, Paul Russiotti, said he could not elaborate. He said Broomfield, a 33-year House veteran, would not comment further.

His district includes all the Oakland County communities in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers coverage area.

Also voting to override Bush's veto were Reps. Bob Carr, D-East Lansing; John Conyers, D-Detroit; George Crockett, D-Detroit; John Dingell, D-Trenton; William Ford, D-Taylor; Sander Levin, D-Southfield; Howard Wolpe, D-Lansing; Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph; and Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

Voting to uphold the veto were Reps. David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens; Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods; Dale Kildee, D-Flint; Bob Traxler, D-Day City; Bob Davis, R-Gaylord; Paul Henry, R-Grand Rapids; Bill Schuette, R-Sanford; and Guy Vander Jagt, R-Luther.



U.S. Rep. William Broomfield

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