

Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Jan. 26.

CHINESE STUDENTS ISSUE — By a vote of 390 for and 25 against, the House overrode President Bush's veto of legislation (HR 2712) to prevent the deportation of up to 40,000 Chinese students when their visas expire. But the veto held when the Senate (below) failed to muster the two-third majority it needed to join the House in defeating it.

Congress passed the bill last year following the Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators. The president countered with an executive order to achieve the same goals. Congressional critics said a law, not an order that can be instantly lifted, is needed to protect the students against being returned home to face possible persecution.

James Traficant, D-Ohio, said: "Maybe our president is going to know how to repress a Chinese government, but this Congress should not. It's time to put your vote where your rhetoric is."

Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill., said: "President Bush knows China as well if not better than any member of this House... (and) must be given the room to make the foreign policy moves he feels are in

the long-range best interests of our country."

Members voting yes wanted to override the veto.

Observer & Eccentric area members: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield and William Broomfield, R-Lake Orion voted yes.

TO DELAY VETO VOTE — By a vote of 137 for and 276 against, the House refused to send President Bush's veto of the Chinese students bill (above) to the Foreign Affairs and Judiciary committees. The GOP motion sought to delay a floor vote the president appeared certain to lose.

Jim Leach, R-Iowa, who supported the committee referral, said "what is at issue today is not a question of indignation, but of judgment. How America can play a constructive role in moderating Chinese institutions and liberalizing their policies."

Opponent Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said "this is not a time to temporize, this is not a time to delay."

Members voting yes wanted to delay a veto vote. Broomfield voted yes. Pursell, Ford, Levin and Hertel voted no.

SENATE:

TO SUSTAIN BUSH VETO — By a vote of 62 for and 37 against, the Senate failed to achieve the two-thirds majority it needed to override President Bush's veto of a bill (HR 2712) guaranteeing safe haven in the United States for up to 40,000 Chinese students.

This sustained the veto, despite an earlier House vote (above) to defeat it. Action by both chambers is needed to override presidential vetoes.

Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, who voted to override, said the veto "has made it more likely that the Chinese Government will succeed in its continuing campaign of intimidation and harassment to silence the students' cries for democracy in China."

Veto supporter John Heinz, R-Pa., said "this president (by executive order) will protect the Chinese students and the Chinese people better than any legislation, and it's foolish and partisan to second-guess a president whose foreign policy judgment has been so accurate and successful..."

Senators voting yes wanted to override the veto. Michigan Democratic Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

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Weight restrictions imposed

Truck weight restrictions have been put on many Oakland roads, which a top official says are literally floating on the frozen earth.

The Oakland County Road Commission has imposed emergency weight restrictions on Class A roads threatened by the unexpected warm temperatures. Truck axle limits were reduced 25 percent.

It was the first time in more than a decade that road weight limits were imposed during January.

mit adequate evaporation. The roads then, quite literally, begin to float on the frozen earth.

"This circumstance puts both the surface and base of the road in great jeopardy. Greatest danger to the roads in these circumstances is presented by vehicles with extremely heavy cargo loads — generally trucks and commercial carriers."

UNAFFFECTED are normal passenger vehicles, vans and small trucks.

Roads covered by this order in Oakland County include both gravel and paved sections of the county road system. Typical are selected portions of such roads as Milford, Sashabaw, Rochester, Dequindre, John R, Long Lake, Commerce and Midtdebet.

'Communication' program set

"Communication for Couples," a program designed to renew relationships, will be offered from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, North Woodward at Lone Pine Road. Communications specialist Barbara Halpern will explore the aspects

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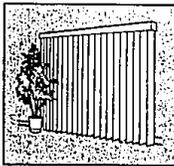
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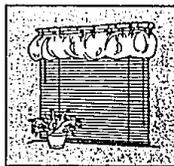
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