Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending July 19.

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HOUSE:

TO CHANGE LABOR LAW — By a vote of 247 for and 182 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HII S) replace the sent the Senate a bill (HII S) replace the sent the Senate a bill (HII S) replace the sent the sent to sent the sent the

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A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Area congressmen voling yes
were Dennis Hertel, D-Harper
Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor and
Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no were Carl Pursell, RPlymouth and William Broomfield,
R-Birmingham.

TO FUND TECHNOLOGY — By a vote of 172 for and 246 against, the House refused to remove a new long program from a bill (HR 1989) designed to Improve American competitiveness. President Bush says he will veto the bill because the program strikes bilm as unwise industrial policy.

al policy.

At issue is whether the government should use loans to try to pick winners among promising generic technologies. The disputed program would put relatively small amounts of taxpayers' capital behind selected companies and products.

Robert Walker, R-Penn, Said "government is not a very good repository of all wisdom about the marketplace."

Opponent Don Edwards, D-Calif.,

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Opponent Don Edwards, D-Calif., said "the loan fund is a gesture of faith in American know-how."

A yes vote was to strip the loan program from a bill authorizing \$348 million next year to promote American technology.

American technology.

Local legislators votting yes were Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no were Hertel, William Ford and Levin.

SENATE

SENATE PAY RAISE — Senators voted 53 for and 45 against to raise their pay in October from \$101,000 to \$125,100. The amendment to the fiscal 1992 legislative branch appro-

priations bill (HR 2506) tied the pay hike to a ban on the honoraria sena-tors receive from special interests. It means senators and House mem-bers will be paid at the same level, with honoraria as an income supple-ment outlawed in both chambers.

Supporter Bennett Johnston, D-La., urged colleagues to vote for the raise even though "senators are afraid to death of the 30-second tele-vision spot."

vision spot."

Opponent Harris Wofford, DPenn, said a recession "is no time
for us to be paying ourselves more of
our taxpayers' hard-earned dollars."
A yes vote was to raise senators'
pay by 22 percent.
Michigan Senators Carl Levin and
Donald Riegle voted no.

SPACE STATION — By a vote of 35 for and 64 against, the Senate rejected an amendment to shift \$13.9 billion earmarked for the manned space station Freedom in fiscal 1992 to veterans programs and öther NASA-ventures. The amendment would have left about \$100 million for the station in the pending bill (IHR 2519). NASA has spen about \$3.5 billion toward an estimated \$40 million final cost of putting Preedom in orbit as a unique scientific testing ground.

ground.
Supporter Jim Sasser, Defenin, said 'the space station comes at a time when we simply cannot afford it in this country."
Bob Graham, D-Fla, said Freedom 'will provide a world class laboratory in which to conduct life science and medical research and microgravity materials research."

A yes vote was to virtually elimi-nate 1992 space station funding. Michigan Sen. Levin voted yes. Sen. Riegle voted no.

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DOCTORS WITH AIDS — The
Senate voted 81 for and 19 against to
make it a criminal offense for doctors and draitists with AIDS to pertere and control with AIDS to pertere and control with AIDS to perdisease. The amendments to III that
disease. The amendments to III 18572.
Imposed penalties of up to 10 years
in prison and a \$10,000 fine, the bill
was sent to conference with the
House.

A yes vote supported criminal
penalties under certain conditions
for health professionals with AIDS.
Senators Levin and Riegle voted

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S & L DISCLOSURE — By a vote of 37 for and 40 against, the Scane Cell short of the three-fifths majority needed to sitence a fillbuster against swips-and-loan scandal disclosure. This kept disclosure language from being added to a funding bill dflf 25191 later sent to conference with the House.

Under the amendment, S & L regulators were to have made public data related to the disputed government sale in 1986 of more than 200 failed thrifts, deals that committed about 450 billion in Treasury subsidies to buyers. HR 2519 contained to buyers. HR 2519 contained to the disclosure of received being the disclosure of Ayes vote was for disclosure of received to the sections in 1988. S & L DISCLOSURE - By a vote

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Summer workers

boost jobless rate

F. Robert Edwards, director of the Michigan Employment Securi-ty Commission (MESC), said unem-ployment levels rose in eight areas across the state, while declining in four.

four.

"Most of the jobless rate increases were small and followed the typical May to June pattern," he said. "Every area but one had employment increases during the month. The gains, however, were not enough to outpace labor force growth caused by young people entering the summer Joh market, re-

sulting in higher unemployment

sulting in higher unemployment rates.

In Lansing, local auto industry layoffs caused a sharp 2 percent age increase in the unemployment rate — to 9.8 percent in June's job-less rate from 7.8 percent in April.

Four areas — Ann Arbor, Filint, Saginaw and the Upper Penisula — reported slight declines in their June unemployment rates.

Edwards attributed the improvement to job gains in the local transportation equipment and chemical industries and to seasonal growth among , construction employers, cating and drinking establishments and local government. Business and health services also reported increases.

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The board of SMART (Suburban The board of SMART) (Suburban Thansportation) has adopted proposed fare increases for linchau armall bus connector service, general manager Albert Martin said Implemented Aug 1, linehaul bus fares are rising 25 cents, and small bus connector service goes up 50 cents.
Current base fares are \$1 for linehaul service and \$1.50 for small bus connector service.

bus connector service.

Discount fares for seniors, persons

with disabilities, youth and weekend travel remain in effect.

The SMART board approved a budget which included fare increases contingent upon public input at the June 4 board meeting.

SMART received minimal opposition to the fare increases at public bearings held in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counters during July, Martin Said.

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