Levin, Riegle split on peace dividend issue

DOMESTIC V8. MILITARY SPENDING — By a vote of 28 for and 69 sgainst, the Senate rebuffed an attempt to transfer \$3.15 billion from the Pentagon budget to domestic programs such as cancer and mental illiness research, Head Start, child immunization and breast cancer screening.

cer screening.

The vote occurred as the Senate passed the \$206 billion (iscal 1992 appropriations bill (HR 2707) for the departments of Labor, Education and Health and Human Services. It blocked a Budget Act waiver that would have cleared the way for the

transfer.

Sponsor Torn Harkin. D-lowe, said, "We have won the Cold War, tet us now win the domestic war. It is time we close the human investment gap."

Opponent Phill Gramm, R-Tex., acked: "Is it time to declare another peace dividend? I say no. Let us wait inte months and see what happens in the Soviet Union."

A yes vote was to transfer \$3.15 billion from military to domestic programs.

programs.
Levin voted no. Riegle voted yes.

ABORTION COUNSELING — By a vote of 92 for and 8 against, the Senate approved a compromise on the issue of requiring parents to be notified when their child is scheduled for an abortion. The language was

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included in the Department of Health and Human Services spending bill (above) that was sent to constitution to the Sente and House versions of the bill undercot an administration requirement that federally funded family planning clinics notify parents when an adolescent is to have an abortion. This vote makes notification unnecessary in extraordinary circumstances, such as when it could lead parents to inflict emotional or physical damage on the youth or when courts find it unjustified.

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Abortion foes as well as most pro-choice senators voted for the com-promise. Most opponents were pro-choice senators who wanted the ad-ministration policy to be further softened.

A yes vote was to permit several exceptions to the administration's "parental notification" requirement. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

NOTIFYING PARENTS: By a vote of 45 for and 55 against, the Senate rejected a proposal that parents be notified at least 48 bours in advance of their child's planned

abortion, except when the delay would imperil the girl's life. The amendment to HR 2702 was supported by and abortion senators. Following its defeat, the Senate adopted compromise parental notification rules (see preceding issue). Sponsor Don Nickles, B-Okia, said abortions on minors 'abould not just be happenig in a clinic without the input, without the guidance and without the love and care of those parents. Opponent Barbara Mikuiski, D-Md., called the amendment too restrictive because 'in today's world there are times when parental participation could be dangerous to the child."

A yes vote supported the amend-

ment. Levin and Riegle voted no.

SURVEYING SEXUAL BEHAVIOR — By a vote of 34 for and 86
against, the Senate rejected spending for a federal beath survey, of
certain sexual conduct, including
that which contributes to the nation's
lifetitimary rate. The vote, which
occurred during debate on HR 2707
(above), problibited the National fastitute of Child Health and Human
Development from spending an imspecified sum on the planned survey.

Supporter Brock Adams, D-Wash-sald, "Opponents of this kind of sei-entific research argue that to study sexual behavior is to encourage it. By now, we all know this is just plain bunk."

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