

## Roll Call Report

Here's how Michigan's two senators were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending April 30.

### SENATE

**AGAINST DEFENSE CUT:** By a vote of 45 for 50 against, the Senate defeated an amendment to cut defense spending in the fiscal 1993 congressional budget resolution by about \$1 billion below the \$280 billion level set by the Budget Committee for the year beginning Oct. 1.

**Sponsor James E. Egan, D-Neb.,** accused the Administration and many in Congress of intentionally overstating the impact of deeper defense cuts on civilian and military employment.

**Opponent Sam Nunn, D-Ga.,** said efforts to reduce the deficit should not be focused on defense spending but on the rapid growth of entitlements and interest on the national debt.

A yes vote was for further defense cuts in fiscal 1993.

**Sen. Carl Levin, D, and Sen. Donald Riegle, D, both voted yes.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE:** By a vote of 87 for and 11 against, the Senate adopted a non-binding measure (H Con Res 292) urging President Bush to attend the U.S. Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in June. Bush has not said whether he will attend. Global warming is high on the agenda.

A yes vote supported the resolution.

**Both Levin and Riegle voted yes.**

**TO APPROVE BUDGET:** By a vote of 54 for and 35 against, the Senate approved a fiscal 1993 budget blueprint (S Con Res 106) setting outlays of \$1.5 trillion, receipts of \$1.17 trillion and a projected deficit of \$327.4 billion. About half of the budget is for domestic entitlements whose levels are protected by law.

Among the measure's top spending items are \$303.1 billion for Social Security, \$230.4 billion for defense, \$213.9 billion for national debt interest, \$130.4 billion for Medicare and \$104 billion for health. Foreign aid gets \$16.6 billion and Agriculture \$16.1 billion.

A yes vote was to approve the budget resolution that will guide actual spending decisions by Congress in fiscal 1993.

**Both Levin and Riegle voted yes.**

**SOCIAL SECURITY:** By a vote of 94 for and three against, the Senate changed its rules to fence off Social Security trust funds within the federal budget. The change raised to 80 votes the minimum required to pass any floor amendment diverting Social Security surpluses to other purposes. The vote occurred during debate on S Con Res 106 (above).

**Supporter Phil Gramm, R-Tex.,** said senators should vote yes "if you want to guarantee that we erect a protective barrier between the budget and the Social Security trust fund."

No opponent spoke against the parliamentary change.

A yes vote supported the parliamentary change.

**Levin and Riegle voted yes.**

## Oakland families needed to host Spanish exchange students

Spanish Heritage, a student exchange program, seeks local families interested in being hosts to Spanish and Mexican students, ages 15-

18, who will be coming to Michigan for the 1992-93 school year. Students are chosen on their academic record. All students speak

English. Spanish Heritage also seeks area high school students interested in becoming exchange students in Spain.

Students arrive shortly before the school year begins and return at the end of the school year. Each student is fully insured and brings his or her own spending money. Students expect to bear their share of household responsibilities and be included in normal family activities.

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Area students interested in living and studying in Spain should be 15-18 with a good academic record. Full-year and summer programs are available.

Additional information on host family and student exchange programs is available by calling area representative Ruth Dunn, 357-5678 or 1-800-838-9040.

Spanish Heritage is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the Spanish language and Hispanic culture in the U.S. and Canada.

## County parks scenes on tap

Oakland County Parks scenes are the focus of a traveling photo exhibit that will appear this spring at three area sites.

The exhibit will be on display through Tuesday, May 12, at the Farmington Hills Public Library. It

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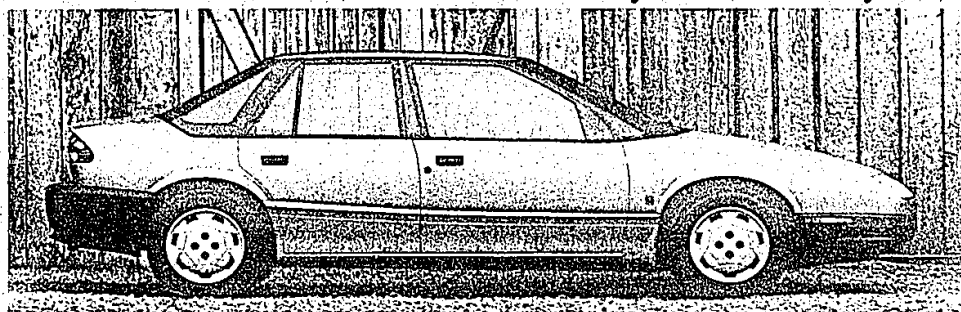
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