U.S. House members accept banking records subpoena

Here's how *Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress voted on major roll call votes in the week ending May 1.*

HOUSE

No to accept subpoena: By a vote of 367 for and 64 against, the House submitted to a Justice Department subpoena of House bank records for a 39-month period ending last October. More than 300 present and former members wrote hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of bad checks during that time.

This measure (H Res 441) was authored by Republicans. A competing Democratic leadership measure was rejected (below).

Supporter John Kyl, R-Ariz., called the subpoena "a reasonable request for cooperation in determining whether criminal laws may have been violated" at the House bank.

Opponent Jolene Unsoeld, D-Wash., said "this is not a case of a criminal investigation" but is "an attempt to open up this body and put it on the plate of a presidential monarchy and to dilute the House . . ."

A yes vote was to provide the subpoenaed bank records to a Justice Department special counsel.

Area congressmen voting yes were: Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield and Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Rep. Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods and Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor.

No to resisting subpoena of checking records: By a vote of 181 for and 234 against, the house rejected an effort by the Democratic leadership (H Res 440) to resist a Justice Department subpoena of House bank records (see preceding issue). The Democratic plan was to sidestep the subpoena while seeking a federal court ruling on the legality of the executive branch using force of law to obtain legislative branch records.

Supporter Ben Jones, D-Ga., called the vote "a test of constitutional principle," adding the judicial branch should be "the final arbiter of the separation of powers."

Opponent Bob Livingston, R-La., said "I do not see how we can wrap ourselves in the Constitution and say that we have special privilege or that we need not comply" with the subpoena.

A yes vote was to seek a federal court ruling on the validity of the subpoena.

Michigan congressman voting yes were: Hertel and William Ford.

Voting no were: Pursell, Sander Levin and Broomfield.

Yes to spend money for space station: By a vote of 159 for and 254 against, the House refused to eliminate funding for the space station Freedom. This kept $2.25 billion for the project in the fiscal 1993 NASA authorization bill (HR 4364), which remained in debate.

NASA hopes to launch the assembly in 1995 and begin manning the station later in the decade. About $7 billion has been spent toward an estimated $40 billion construction cost. NASA's original projection was to have Freedom operational by 1994 at a cost of $8 billion.

Amendment sponsor Tim Roemer, D-Ind., said "this is a space station in search of a mission" while federal dollars are scarce.

Opponent Constance Morella, R-Md., said "the $7 billion that has been invested to date on the station has generated over 75,000 jobs . . . in 39 states."

A yes vote was to kill the space station.

Michigan congressmen voting yes were: Pursell, Hertel, William Ford and Sander Levin.

Voting no: Broomfield.

Keep assisting family planning clinics: By vote of 268 for and 150 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 3090) to extend funding of annual levels above $194 million. Debate centered on language that would permit clinic staff to provide information on abortion, thus blocking administration regulations to prohibit abortion counseling.

A yes vote was to pass the bill.

Michigan congressmen voting yes were: Pursell, Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin.

Voting no: Broomfield.

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