



Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress voted on major roll call votes in the week ending July 10. The Senate was not in session.

Yes To Pass Trade Bill:By a vote of 280 for and 145 sgainst, the House passed a trade bill featuring retailatory steps to open sheltered overseas markets and protective measures to sheld certain domestic industries against foreign competition seen as unfair.

Drafted by Democrats, the bill (if R 5100) ideals mostly with Japan and

5100) deals mostly with Japan and other Pacific Rim nations and the European Community. It was sent to the Senate.

The bill requires more American parts in Japanese vehicles built here. pressures Japan to remove barriers to U.S. auto sales in Japan and to U.S. buto sales in Japan and places quotas on imported Japanese cars. It extends quotas that insulate U.S. machine tool makers against Talwanese products and seeks to break down obstacles to American preax down obstacles to American rice sales in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, It takes a harder line against government subsidies that

enable European aircraft to compete better against American planes. Supporter Sander Levin, D-Mich., that "this bill is to open markets, not to close them." Opponent Bob Michel, R-III., the minority leader, called the bill "large y a Japan-bashing effor to-relevanted by the protectionists." A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Dennie Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Sauthield, Voting no: Carf Purseli, R-Plymouth and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Cap Japanese Auto Imports: The House voted 260 for 166 against to cap Japanese auto ex-ports to America at 1.65 million cars annually and increase from 50 to 70 annually and increase from 50 to 70 percent by 1994 the required American content of Japanese cars built here. The language was added to HR 5100 (above), it would essentially feeze the number of Japanese autos old in America at the 1991 level.

Supporter Helen Bentley, R-Md., sald. 'the Japanese intent is clear, what is their is theirs and what is ours should be theirs also.'

Opponent Phil Crane, R-III., sald "American families cannot afford to pay the bill for another Detroit-spon-sored round of protectionism."

A yes vote supported the amend-

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ment. Area representatives voting yes were: Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin, Voting no: Pursell and Broomfield.

No On Spending Cut: By a vote of 175 for and 236 against, the House rejected an amendment to tim 553 million from a 335.1 billion fiscal 1993 spending bill (HR 5518) for the Department of Transportation and rolated agencies. The savings were to have come from cutting administrative overhead other than personnel costs at agencies such as the Coast Guard, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Avietion Administration.

Sponsor Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said "it defines common sense to believe that federal managers will not be able to find less than one-fitte of one percent in overhead savings"

Opponent William Lehman, D-Fla., said the cuts would "lead to delays in bidine travel and reduce safety on our highways, airways and water

A yes vote supported the amend ment. Area representatives voting yes were: Pursell. Voting no: Hertel, William Ford, Sander Levin and Broomfeld

Yes To Break Budget Agreement:By a vote of 213 for and 190

against, the House shifted \$400 mil-lion in foreign aid savings to trans-portation public works such as road building.

By adopting this amendment to HR 5518 (above), the House for the first time violated the "farewalls" pro-vision of the 1990 budget agree-ment between fresident Bush and ment between President Bush and Congress.

Savings in the categories of de-fense, domestic or foreign affairs spending were obligated under the pact to defact reduction and could not be spent elsewhere. In accepting the 1990 agreement, Bush broke his "no new taxes" cam-paign pledge.

Sponsor David Obey, D-Wis., said Congress "has an obligation to get off its collective and not be, as Franklin Roosevelt used to say, 'frozen in the ice of its own indifference."

Opponent Robert Walker, R.Pa., said Democrats who criticize Bush for breaking his promise on taxes now have energed on the budget pact. "There is no word of honor that is too sacred to break," he said. A yes vote was to break the 1990 budget pact in order to shift foreign aid savings to public works spending.

Area representatives voting yes were: Hertel, Willem Ford, Sande Levin. Voting no: Broomfield. Not voting: Pursell.

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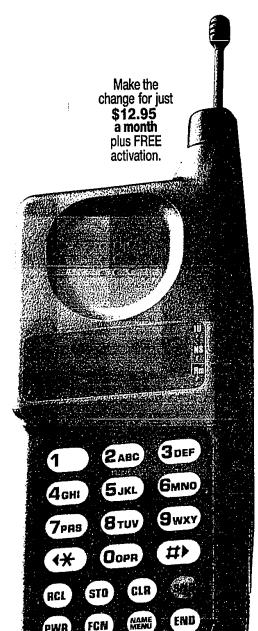
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