Levin, Ford support biological survey

tric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 29

Biological Survey: By a vote of 255 for and 165 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 1845) to establish a National Biological Survey at a fiscal 1994 cost of \$171.5 million. The Interior Department bureau will consolidate biological sciences operations now scattered throughout the department. In part, it will inventory the nation's animal and plant species and habitat, with the government obtaining written consent from owners before entering private property. Data from the exhaustive survey would guide policies in areas such as preserving wellands and protecting endangered species.

cies.
Supporter Billy Tauzin, D-La.,
sald the bill provided "the full
range of protections for private
landowners against the entry by individuals without the consent of that landowner.

Opponent Jack Fields, R-Tex. told supporters "your constituents will remember who authorized Big Brother to come looking over their shoulders and peering over their

fences."
A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Area representatives voting yes
were: Dale Kildee, D-Filnt, Sandor Levin, D-Southfield, William
Ford, D-Ypsilanti, Voting no: Bob
Carr, D-Pontine and Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham.

Lumbee Indians: By a vote of 228 for and 184 against, the House sent the Senate a bill (HR 334) granting federal recognition

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to the 40.000-member Lumbee to the 40,000-member Lumbee to the 40,000-member Lumbee Tribe of Cherw Indians of North Carolina. This would qualify the titble for Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service benefits at an estimated cost of \$80 million to \$100 million annually. While North Carolina has recognized the Lumbees as an Indian tibe since 1855, the Department of the Interior has never given federal certification.

Supporter Charlie Rose, D.N.C., sald: "This tibe deserves the same rights and privileges that other Native Americans have across the land."

Opponent Craig Thomas, R. Wyo., said administrative procedures should be employed rather than "an arana where excludinal arguments, influential sponsors and the partisan nature of Congress replace ment and fact."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting oswere: Bob Carr, Dale Kildero, Sander Levin and William Ford.

D.C. Budget: By a vote of 225 for and 201 against, the House approved a \$3.7 billion District of Colproved a \$3.7 billion bistrict of Col-umbia budget for fiscal 1994. The bill (HR 2492) provides about \$700 million in U.S. Treasury funding, in-cluding a \$630 million "federal payment" to Washington for reven-nue potential it loses as a result of the federal enclave occupying much of the city's tax base. More than \$3 billion in the bill is locally raised by the district, mainly by

taxation.

Criticism centered on the city's crime problem, the performance of

the D.C. government and the fact that the bill allows locally raised money to fund abortions, lifting a six-year ban on such funding. Supporter Eleanor Norton, D. D.C., sald: "The District of Colum

Supporter Eleanor Norton, D. D.C., said: "The District of Columbia is cutting money these days. This is not a time to compiain about spending, Everything in the district is being cut." Opponent Dan Burton, R-Ind., accused D.C. officials of "squandering, in my view, large amounts of money that they are not accountable for because the mories are not raised here." A yes vote was to approve the

A yes vote was to approve the D.C. budget. Area representa-tives voting yes were: Carr, Lev-in, Ford. Voting no: Kildee and Knollenberg.

Native Hawaiians: By a vote of 65 for and 34 against, the Senate sent the House a resolution acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the U.S.-ailded coup that ended the Hawaiian monarchy and soft the stage for Hawaii becoming an American tentifory. The measure (SJ Ros 19) apologizes to native Hawaiians for the U.S. military and diplomatic intervention against the Kingdom of Hawaii. Natives wert defined in Senate debate as descendants of those who lived in cendants of those who lived in what is now Hawaii before 1778.

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Sponsor Daniel Akoka, D-Hawail,
said: "Now until our nation understands the . . . 1893 overthrow of
the Kingdom of Hawail will Amedcan people appreciate the meaning of the retive Hawailans rights movement, which grows each day." Opponent Slade Gorton, R-

Wash., called the resolution a "signpost" to ethnic conflict, divid-ing "the citizens of the state of Hathe United States into two distinct

groups, native Hawaiians and all other citizens." A yes vote supported the resolu-tion, Michigan senators Carl Lev-in, D, and Donald Riegle, D,

Jobless Benefits: By a vote of 76 for and 20 against, the Senate passed a bill extending until Feb. 5, 1994, the period in which the long-term unemployed can qualify for an additional seven or 13 for an additional seven or 13 weeks of unemployment checks. This would benefit more than 750,000 persons who exhaust their initial 26-week check allotment between Oct. 1, 1993, and the February date. To offset the estimated \$1.1 billion cost, the bill relies mostly on requirements that states do a better job of retraining the jobless and returning them to work.

work.
A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Carl Levin and Donald Riegle
both voted yes.

Federal Worker Cut: By a vote of 62 for and 14 against, the Senate adopted an amendment to HR 3167 (above) putting the force of 18w behind the administration's goal of reducing the federal workforce by 252,000 jobs by fiscal 1999. Vice President Gore set the mark in his recently released National Performance Review for reducing the force of the programment of the programm amping the federal government. Supporter Charles Grassley, R-

Supporter Charles Grassley, R-lowa, said the amendment pro-vides "the teeth that ensures that we get the reforms desired by the president and the vice president." No opponent spoke during brief debate on the amendment.

A yes vote was to require a re-duction of the federal work force as part of legislation extending emer-

gency unemployment benefits. Levin voted yes. Riegle voted no.

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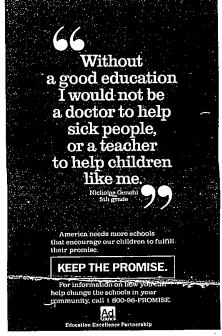
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