ROLL CALL REPORT

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Sept.

HOUSE

Defense: Voting 294 for and 125 against, the House passed a bill appropriating \$244.1 billion for the Department of Defense in fiscal 1996, a figure that is down slightly from 1995 but \$7.8 billion more than President Clinton's Pentagon by 12 trequest for the year beginn. 1. This vote sent the met. HR 2126) to conference with milar Senate bill (below). The bill sharply increases spending for space- and land-based missio defenses, that as 2 / year-chillitary partials, cut's spending for space- spending for spaces and land-based missio defenses, that is a 2 / spending to the space in the space of the spending for spaces and land-based missio defenses that cause the space of the spanded production of the B-2 Steath bomber (myxt issue), defines money for a

(next issue), denies money for a third Seawolf nuclear submarine, slightly reduces active duty ranks to 1.485 million and reserve ranks to 927,073, and sharply cuts fund-ing to help former Soviet republics dismantle nuclear and biological weapons. The bill bans abortions at military hospitals abroad except when the mother's life is endan-

Supporter Saxby Chambliss, R-Go., said the House should "send a message to the American people that 'We will protect your fre

members that 'We are committed to your safety, and we will equip you with the most advanced weap

you with the most advanced weapons available."

Opponent Pat Schroeder, D.
Colo., said the national dobt was
the "biggest threat" to America
and that "this is the first time I
ever remember on this House floor
that we have voted for more money for the Defense Department
than the president asked for, who
is commander in chilef, than the
Pentagon asked for, than the Joint
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Chlofs asked for."
A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Area representatives voting yes
were: Dais Kildea, D-Flint and
Joe Knellenberg, R-Birmingham.
Voting no: Sander Levin, DScuthfield and Lynn Rivers, DAnn Arbor.

B-2 Bomber: By a vote of 210 for and 213 against, the House re for and 213 against, the House rejected an amendment to kill the 2 bomber after its initial production run of 20 planes. The vate kept \$493 million for expanded, B-2 production in HR 2128 (above), advancing plans by supporters to build another 20 copies at an estimated cost of \$16 billion to \$20 billion. At issue, in part, was whether a plane originally designed to deliver nuclear bombs inside the Soviet Union is justified now that the Coid War has ended and federal budget cutting has become a priority.

ofty. Supporter David Obey, D-Wis., sold "do not for one minute suggest that the United States security is threatened by not buying that flying turkey. The only thing that is

threatened are the corporate budg-ets of the people who build that

ets of the people whe build that plane."

Opponent Ike Skelton, D-Mo, said: "If we turn down additional B-2s... we will be sending a message that deterrance does not count... that we will not take the best advantage of our technological superiority and put it into the defense of our wonderful nation." A yes vote was to kill the B-2 bumber program after 20 planes. Area representatives voting yes were: Date Kildee, Sander Levin and Lynn Rivers. Voting no: Joseph Knollenberg.

Budget for Congress: The House approved, 305 for and 101 against, the conference report on a bill (HR 1854) to fund the House, against, the conference report on a bill (RRI RS54) to fund the House, Senate and congressional support agencies in facel 1996. The \$2.18 billion legislative branch budget is down 7.7 percent from the comparable 1995 bill. It sharply cuts agencies a took as the General Accounting Office and Government Printing Office and Government Printing Office as shutdown of the Office of Technology Assessment and reduces spending for committee staff. However, It allows higher spending for members' personal staffs and drops an earlier House attempt to kill the Joint Committee on Printing. Supporter Ron Packard, R-Calif., said: "Since the first of the year, Republicans have set on aggressive legislative agenda...Lot us move forward. Vote for deficit reduction..."

Opponent James Moran, D-Va.,

duction . . . "

Opponent James Moran, D-Va., said eliminating the Office of Tech-

nology Assessment "is going to make us much more reliant upon the high priced loabytist that present the billion-dollar telecommunications industry Ayes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Knollenberg and Rivers. Voting no: Kildee and Levin.

SENATE

Pentagon Budget: By a vote of 62 for and 35 against, the Senate sent to conference with the House a \$242.7 billion Pentagon budget (\$ 1087) for the fiscal year begin-ning Oct. 1, in part, the Senate bill differed from the House version (above) by funding a third Seawolf labovo) by funding a third Seawolf submarine and rejecting another production run of 18-2 bombers. Both bills spend several billions more than President Clinton requested for weapony such as aircraft, shipbullding and missible defenses, while cutting administration requests in preas such as international peacekeeping and environmental cleanup at bases. Supporter Robort Smith, R-N.H., said "First and foremost, the legislation accelerates the development and deployment of national missile defenses to protect all Americans against the threat of

Americans against the threat of ballistic missiles."

ballistic missiles."
Opponent Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said: "The bill before us is truly unique. In an era of wholesale budget reductions, (it) contains an overall spending Increase of nearly 75 billion over what the president and Pentagon requested."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Michigan Senstors Cari Levin, D. voted no. Spencer Abraham, R. voted yes.

Missile Defense: Voting 85 for and 13 against, the Senate added compromise language to 5 1124 (above) for developing a space-and land-based and-missile defense system. The vote dropped a 2003 deadline for deploying the system while keeping its technology on a fast development track with 1995 troiling of about 5700 million. The compromise gives the administration leewy to negotiate treaty terms with Russia to avoid conflicts with sisting arms control pacts between the two countries. Supporter John Kyt, R-Atz, said: "Missiles launched either by accident or anger against the United States or our affics and friends could be destroyed in the carly stages of their flight, before they refense their warheads, but only if we have space-based interceptors."

Opponent Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., sald: "At a point in our histo-ry when we have successfully avoided...nuclear confrontation avoided . . . nuclear conformation and have begun the sensible process of limiting nuclear warheads by treaty, the Senate proposes to adopt a bill that could resurrect the nuclear arms race and, in the pro-cess, jeopardize 23 years of arms

control."

A yes vote supported the com-promise plan for developing a na-tional nti-missile defense system. Michigan Senators Sunder Levin and Spencer Abraham both

Welfare Reform: By a vote of 45 for and 54 against, the Senate rejected the Democratic alternative o a Republican welfare reform bill [37]
(5 4) that remained in debate. The Democratic plan sought to keep the federal government as welfare safety not at the same time it shifted public assistance programs to the states along with block grants. The GOP block grant approach would more abruptly end Washington's role. While both parties require welfare recipients to find work, the Democratic approach was to guarantee community service jobs for those unable to find private sector employment. The Democrate sought a stronger federal role in child care and in assuring that the basic needs of welfare children are met by states. Minority Leader form Daschle, D.S.D., said the Democratic plan "provides the opportunity for work, for child care and fullig protegy to the well-being of the future of this "simply boxes up the problem and ships the current system to the states." to a Republican welfare reform bill (S 4) that remained in debate. The

ships the current system to the states," telling them to fix it with limited resources.

Opponent Trent Lott, R-Miss., Opponent Trent Lott, R-Miss, criticized the Democratic plan for keeping utilmate control of welfare in Washington, He added: "Nor does it offer hope of tuming the tide against illegitimacy. That may be its most important shortcom-ing" because illegitimacy is "the single most powerful force pushing women and children into poverty."

A yes vote supported the Demo cratic alternative, Michigan Sena-tors Levin voted yes. Abraham voted no.

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