

## LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

## HOUSE

•1996 budget: Voting 390 for and 25 against, the House approved the conference report on a bill (HR 3019) to provide about \$160 billion for nine cabinet departments and dozens of agencies that have copied with temporary budgets since fiscal 1996 began last October. The Senate (below) and President Bill Clinton also cleared the measure, ending a prolonged budget standoff that caused two federal shutdowns and forced Congress to pass 13 stopgap funding bills. Closure on the 1996 budget came as the House braced for early May debate on the fiscal 1997 budget blueprint.

Both sides declared victory. Republicans took credit for killing or reducing hundreds of domestic programs and cutting discretionary spending by about \$23 billion below 1995 levels. Democrats claimed success in protecting major education, environmental protection, child care, national service, community policing and housing programs from the GOP knife while also trimming the deficit.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

•Wildlife preserves: The House passed, 257 for and 138 against, a bill (HR 1675) to allow increased hunting, fishing and boating in the National Wildlife Refuge System, which consists of 508 refuges covering 92 million acres.

While those activities now are permitted in much of the system they take a back seat to environmental and habitat protection.

This bill gives equal weight to environmental and recreational objectives when the Interior Department rules on how a refuge is to be used.

Sponsor Don Young, R-Alaska, said the bill protects "essential habitats" while giving the public "an opportunity to fully utilize those federal lands that are paid for with their tax dollars, their entrance fees and from purchases of duck stamps."

George Miller, D-Calif., said the bill "is an attempt to fix a problem that does not exist" because recreational access already is widely permitted, and is "ultimately bad for the sportmen and sportswomen whose activities depend on abundant wildlife populations."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes: Joe Knollenberg. Voting no were Dale Kildee and Sander Levin.

## SENATE

•Term limits: The Senate shelved a proposed constitutional amendment limiting senators to two six-year terms and House members to six two-year terms. GOP sponsors failed, 56 for and 42

against, to silence a Democratic filibuster against the legislation. A three-fifths majority, 60 votes, was needed to end the filibuster and move to a final vote on limiting future U.S. lawmakers to 12 consecutive years in office. Constitutional amendments need 67 votes for Senate approval. The House last year also rejected term limits, a key plank in the GOP Contract With America.

Dan Coats, R-Ind., said term limits "serve two very important purposes -- they rotate politicians back into the private sector to labor under the results of their work, and they create more opportunity for people of broad experience to come to Washington with the practical knowledge and innovative ideas (of) the private sector...."

Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., advised senators to "go beyond the rhetoric, the political posturing and pandering and the 30-second sound bites that have enveloped this issue.... another quick fix in the growing list of quick fixes which have been advocated by those who seek easy answers to our nation's complex problems."

A yes vote was to move to a final vote on the term limits. Senators Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., voted yes.

•To complete budget: By a vote of 88 for and 11 against, the Senate gave final congressional approval to legislation (HR 3019) completing the fiscal 1996 budget (see House issue above).

President Clinton then signed the \$160 billion spending measure. It provides the District of Columbia, dozens of agencies and the departments of Commerce, Justice, State, Interior, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development with their first regular budgets since last September.

A yes vote was to pass the budget bill. Michigan Senator Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham both voted yes.

•Mental health: On a vote of 30 for and 68 against, the Senate included mental health coverage in a pending bill (S 1028) to make medical insurance more available to families, individuals and small businesses.

The vote required insurers to cover serious mental disabilities just as they do physical conditions.

The overall bill raises from 30 to 80 percent the tax-deductibility of premiums paid by the self-employed and enables small businesses to form pools for buying lower cost medical insurance.

A yes vote opposed requiring insurers provide essentially the same coverage in mental and physical health insurance policies. Senators Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham both voted no.

## OCC trustee candidates offer answers

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Faculty members should be free to use their own teaching methods and styles, say six candidates for Oakland Community College trustees.

They were asked their reaction to Wayne State University President David Adamany's proposal that teachers of introductory courses all use the same textbooks and lesson plans.

The exchange took place April 10 when the OCC Faculty Association held a candidates meeting on the Orchard Ridge Campus. Nine persons, including one incumbent, are seeking two posts in the June 10 election.

"I respect Dr. Adamany, but my reaction is negative," said Dr. Thomas Sullivan, a Rochester Hills resident with a dental practice in Bloomfield

Hills and a newcomer to the OCC race. "Each institution knows its own needs."

"It denigrates the faculty," said Marguerite Walker II, an attorney who has taught part-time at OCC's Royal Oak Campus. "Individual teaching styles are lost. It damages the role of individual faculty," said Walker, another newcomer.

"Thirty years ago we tried standardized tests," said John Wampler, a Beverly Hills resident who retired in 1992 from the OCC faculty as a teacher of philosophy and psychology. "It was a farce, a complete flop. We should set outcomes. We should recognize the unique teaching style of an instructor. I'm very much opposed."

"It forces teaching to the test," said James Doyon, a former Oakland County commissioner

who teaches at U-D High School. "I teach math. Some take it to get ahead and some because they flunked it. That (proposal) is really micro-management," said Doyon, making a second bid for the board.

"He wants to assure a particular level of competence," said Lawrence Kohl, Farmington Hills resident with a law practice in Royal Oak. "Each instructor has a unique means of conveying the subject. What may be good for one student may not be good for another," said Kohl, in his first run for office.

"I wonder if Adamany has found a way to standardize our students," said Sandra Ritter, the three-term incumbent seeking re-election. "We teach from where they are, not from where we are. It would not work here," said Ritter, a Waterford public

schools teacher.

No-shows were Joanne Tower, publishing executive from Royal Oak; Ellen Ferguson, Bloomfield Hills resident who teaches in Pontiac; and Jan Mack, Waterford resident and former OCC student making her second bid for the board.

Tower and Wampler are running as a team, seeking to oust Ritter for her role in the firing of Chancellor Patay Calkins.

Candidates also were asked to list what they viewed as the three most pressing issues facing public institutions such as OCC, which offers a two-year curriculum to 30,000 students at five campuses and a Pontiac Center.

Candidates were quoted in the order in which they spoke. Watch this newspaper for interviews with the individual candidates.

# SEARS OUTLET

Shop a different store everyday at  
Sears Furniture & Appliance Outlet

## 20-60% OFF

Original Retail Prices

- ✓ WASHERS
- ✓ DRYERS
- ✓ RANGES
- ✓ REFRIGERATORS
- ✓ SOFAS
- ✓ RECLINERS
- ✓ MATTRESS
- ✓ AND MORE

**NEW shipments arriving EVERYDAY! Includes one-of-a-kind, out-of-carton, discontinued, floor samples, dented, scratched and reconditioned items. HURRY while quantities last!**

Items pictured are just a few examples of the hundreds of great values. Merchandise shown is representative only. Actual merchandise varies by store.

**SEARS WAREHOUSE OUTLET**  
12001 SEARS AVE.  
LIVONIA  
1 MILE WEST OF MIDDLEBLET  
OFF PLYMOUTH RD  
PHONE: 422-5700  
Now, more ways to buy at Sears

**OPEN 7 DAYS**

MON. & FRI. 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
TUES., WED.,  
THURS. & SAT. 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

**PREVIOUSLY SELECTED MERCHANDISE NOT INCLUDED**

Our son  
got his college  
education in our garage.

### Our 6.25% APR\* Home Equity Line helps you find money in your home.

With EquiMoney® you can find the funding you need for just about any expense: home improvements, trips, education, whatever. And there's not a better time to get it because right now Michigan National Bank is offering a low introductory rate, currently just 6.25%. That's a full 2% below the prime lending rate! Plus, the interest you do pay is usually tax deductible.\* But you must apply by May 31, 1996. So be smart and get EquiMoney today. For information or to apply by phone, call

**1-800-CALL-MNB**

**Michigan National Bank**

\*The discounted introductory variable rate of 6.25% is based on The Wall Street Journal prime rate minus 2.00% good through December 31, 1996. After that, the regular rates will apply. For example, the Annual Percentage Rate in effect as of March 1, 1996, was 8.75% for lines of credit of \$50,000 to \$250,000, 9.25% for lines of \$25,000 to \$49,999, and 10.25% for lines of \$50,000 to \$249,999. The APRs are variable, subject to change monthly and based on The Wall Street Journal prime rate plus the applicable margin. Maximum APR is 18%. Offer limited to new accounts and line increases of \$5,000 or more. \$40 annual fee after the first year. There are no other costs to open your account. Please consult your tax advisor regarding tax deductibility. Property insurance is required. Applications must be received by May 31, 1996.

**8.75%-10.25% APR** Regular Rate