

How Environmental Group Rates 5 Area Congressmen

An Observer Roundup

U.S. Rep. William Ford (D-Taylor) voted the "right" way 87 per cent of the time on environmental legislation, according to a voting study by the League of Conservation Voters.

His counterparts from the Observerland had less favorable records, in the League's opinion. It rated U.S.

Reps. Marvin Esch (R-Arbor) at 60 per cent; Marsha Griffin (D-Troy) 57 per cent; William Broomfield (D-Bloomfield) 47 per cent and Jack McDonald (R-Waterford) on the bottom with 25 per cent.

The percentages are based on the number of environmentally "correct" votes each Congressman had on the 15 major bills since 1970.

Ford ranked the highest because he voted the "right" way 13 out of 15 times while Esch had nine "right" votes, Mrs. Griffiths eight, Broomfield seven and McDonald four.

BILLS THAT were considered began with the Family Planning and Population Research Act of 1970, which authorized \$180 million for family planning services and contraceptive research. The Nixon administration supported the bill as did Broomfield, Esch, Ford and Mrs. Griffiths. McDonald was absent.

All the representatives voted to delete \$134 million for the superperson transport planes (SST) from the transportation appropriations bill for fiscal 1971. The League considered this a favorable vote, but the Nixon administration supported the SST.

The local representatives all voted against an amendment to the second supplemental appropriations bill in 1971 which provided money to continue building the SST and was adopted.

The amendments to restore funding for the District of Columbia's metropolitan area rapid transit system were supported by Esch and Ford but opposed by Broomfield and McDonald. Mrs. Griffiths voted against the first amendment, which was rejected, and was absent for the second vote where it was adopted.

Broomfield, Esch and Ford supported an amendment to the agriculture appropriations bill in 1971 which would prohibit the use of funds to start new stream channelization projects. These votes were considered correct because "channelization turns natural streams into relatively sterile ditches, destroys fish and wildlife habitats and increasing flooding downstream," according to the League.

Both McDonald and Mrs. Griffiths voted against the amendment.

BROOMFIELD, Ford and Mrs. Griffiths voted for an amendment to delete \$315 million from the Atomic Energy Commission's Authorization bill to enable the AEC to bury radioactive atomic wastes in a salt mine near Lyons, Kan. Esch and McDonald voted against it, thus supporting the plan.

The League states that "the AEC later admitted that the

project was not proven safe, and could possibly contaminate ground water."

Ford was the only local representative to oppose funding the nuclear blast at Amchitka Island, Alaska. Voting against an amendment to prohibit funding were Broomfield, Mrs. Griffiths and McDonald, while Esch was absent.

Broomfield and McDonald voted in July to delete \$100,000 from a public works bill, which would be used to restudy the Dickey - Lincoln dam in Maine. The dam would impound the free - flowing upper St. John River and flood "enormous" portions of the Great Main Woods wilderness.

Ford and Mrs. Griffiths voted to keep the amendment while Esch was absent.

BOTH ESCH and Ford voted to set aside 100 million acres in Alaska for possible parks and wildlife refuges and to create a federal - state planning commission to draw up a land use plan for the entire state.

The amendment would have had minor impact on natives who could select almost half their lands before action was taken. But it was defeated, with Mrs. Griffiths and McDonald voting against it and Broomfield absent.

Ford and Mrs. Griffiths voted to strengthen the environmental pesticide control act of 1971 by supporting an amendment to put the burden of proving the safety of a pesticide on the manufacturer,

requiring the manufacturers to disclose all his data on the environmental effects of his pesticides, making it easier for the Environmental Pesticide Assn. to cancel registration of pesticides and allowing EPA to consider whether a hazardous pesticide is really essential when determining appropriate uses.

The amendment was defeated with opposition votes from Broomfield, Esch and McDonald.

Another amendment to the pesticide act would have ensured that any citizen, not only the manufacturers, had standing in court to bring suit to challenge EPA's regulation of pesticides. Broomfield, Esch, Ford and Mrs. Griffiths supported this amendment but McDonald voted against it.

WHEN THE pesticide bill was passed, it required the EPA to pay the pesticide manufacturers for any losses they might suffer if EPA canceled registration of a pesticide on the market.

Because some congressmen felt this would discourage EPA from acting and encourage a "use now - test later" philosophy among the manufacturers, another amendment was introduced (and rejected) to bar any repayment to manufacturers if they knew or could have foreseen the dangers of their product.

Ford and Mrs. Griffiths voted for the amendment, but Broomfield, Esch and McDonald voted against it.



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Through its Division of Urban Extension, Wayne State University will offer graduate and undergraduate credit courses in 15 off-campus locations during the fall quarter starting Sept. 28.

Courses will be given in Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Detroit, East Detroit, Livonia, Mount Clemens, Oak Park, Pontiac, Fort Huron, Royal Oak, St. Clair Shores, Southfield, Troy, Warren, and Wyandotte.

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