

President sinks

Congress begins to find its voice

By TIM RICHARD

Three times in a week, President Gerald R. Ford has been badly beaten in the U.S. House of Representatives by his former colleagues of 25 years.

"Congress is re-establishing the independence of the legislative branch and halting the growing trend toward White House dominance," explained Rep. William D. Ford, a liberal Democrat from Michigan's 13th District. Bill Ford voted against President Ford all three times.

"It's based on issues. Congressmen are now asserting their individual opinions," said William Broomfield, moderate Republican from Michigan's 13th District. Broomfield voted against the president on two out of three issues.

Broomfield added he saw "no evidence of trying to run the House from the Democratic caucus," a charge Republicans often made in 1975.

The measures were the \$8.2-billion public works (jobs) bill, which the president has threatened to veto; the bill to aid western elements in Angola, which the House rejected; and a \$4.5-billion health-welfare appropriation which Congress passed over the president's veto.

REPUBLICANS AND Democrats differ sharply on how to stimulate the economy and provide more jobs, as shown by arguments over the public works bill.

The House passed it 321-80. The president's objection is that jobs won't be permanent positions in the private sector of the economy.

Broomfield agreed philosophically, but contended that Democrats, with nearly a 2-1 majority, "will do little for economic expansion of business" by giving tax credits for business investment.

So Broomfield said he had no choice, under the political circumstances, but to support the public works bill. "It will mean \$2.2 million for Oakland County and \$2.7 million for Forest Park. There is still a big pocket of unemployment and I'm going to do what I can for these people," said Broomfield in a telephone interview.

Rep. Ford, in a newsletter to his western Wayne County district, said the bill would provide "counter-cyclical" funds in the public works area. He didn't comment on the administration's idea of stimulating private investment.

Ford charged the White House "has its priorities mixed" by wanting to spend money on Angola and not on the jobs

unemployment assistance and senior citizens benefits."

The House voted 210-112 to override the veto.

As Ford saw it, "The question now before us is: Do we want to endorse a policy ignoring the needs of average American citizens, the unemployed and the senior citizens? Or do we want to send our people a message and tell them that America can still afford to maintain our strength by helping our people at home?"

All area congressmen, including Republicans Broomfield and Marvin Eack, voted against the Angola aid bill and for the public works job bill. Only Broomfield of Observer & Eccentric area representatives voted against the labor health-welfare override.

FORD REPPED the White House proposal to provide arms to pro-Western elements in the African nation.

"If Angola is to be an African Vietnam, the American people and Congress should know what we are doing and why. I think we have had enough under-the-table deals and secret agreements," Ford said.

Broomfield, ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, voted against Angolan aid for different reasons, charging the Soviet Union with violating the principles of defense.

"If the United States goes into Angola with \$20 million compared to the Soviets' \$200 million, we can't offset Soviet influence," Broomfield said.

"We need to re-examine the detente pol-

icy," Broomfield went on. "If the Soviets are going on with an expansionist policy—in the Mediterranean, Africa, the Far East—there's no point in going on with detente."

"The president would be better off to raise some serious questions with the Soviet Union about detente."

BROOMFIELD BOUGHT to pare \$53 million from the labor-welfare appropriation bill to make it more acceptable to the administration, but his congressional amendment failed, and he voted to sustain the presidential veto.

Ford said the House "protected a wide range of domestic programs, ranging from health and education to job training,

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