

Roll Call Report

Here's how area members of congress were recorded on major roll call votes April 21-27.

MEDICAL SCHOOL: Voted, 230 for and 162 against, to appropriate \$12.5 million to keep the armed services' new medical school for training military doctors open another year. President Carter had recommended deleting the money and thus terminating the controversial Bethesda, Md., facility, which is now under construction. With this vote the house agreed with the senate that the money should be spent, thus virtually assuring continued life for the school.

-Rep. William Broomfield (R-19) voted "yea."

Sportsmen pick youngest chief ever

Charles E. Scribner of Pontiac has been elected president of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club and, at age 31, is the youngest man to hold the top office in the club's 34-year history. Scribner is president of Chemical Laboratories and vice president and general manager of Oliver Supply Company, both Pontiac concerns. He has served as vice president of the Sportsmen's Club, and as president of the Shotgun Club which operates the club's skeet and trap shooting operation. He was honored two years ago with a life membership for more than 700 hours of volunteer service to the sportsmen's club.

Reps. David Bonior (D-12), William Brodhead (D-17), James Blanchard (D-18) and Carl Pursell (R-2) voted "nay."

MILITARY PENSIONS: Rejected, 148 for and 247 against, an amendment to put military personnel under the congressional retirement system, doing away with the existing military pension system. It was proposed to HR 5270, a military procurement bill later passed and sent to the senate. Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield voted "yea." Pursell voted "nay."

DEFENSE SPENDING: Adopted, 225 for and 184 against, an amendment to add \$4.1 billion in defense spending to the congressional budget master plan for fiscal 1978. This vote—restoring money requested by President Carter but deleted by the House Budget Committee—raised to \$120.1 billion the "targeted" spending level for defense in the fiscal year. Actual appropriation of the target amount will be considered later. This amendment was attached to H Con Res 195, later rejected and sent back to the budget committee. Broomfield voted "yea." Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard and Pursell voted "nay."

SENATE

TAX CUT: Rejected, 40 for and 59

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against, a Republican amendment to enact a permanent cut in income taxes. The proposed cut was to have been in the range of four to 14 per cent and concentrated on taxpayers earning less than \$20,000 annually. This centerpiece of the GOP program for curing the economy was proposed to HR 3477, the Carter administration's economic stimulus package, which was headed for final passage and conference with the house.

Sens. Robert Griffin (R) and Donald Riegle (D) voted "yea."

THE ELDERLY: Adopted, 44 for and 31 against, an amendment providing an annual tax credit of \$250 to a person who keeps an elderly dependent (65 years or older) in his home. It would apply retroactively to Jan. 1, 1977. Griffin and Riegle did not vote.

CONVENTIONS: Rejected, 45 for and 48 against, an amendment relating to tax deductions allowed U.S. taxpayers attending conventions in foreign countries in North America.

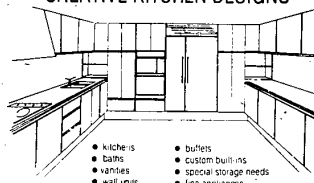
Present law says that no more than two such conventions annually can be written off by a participant as tax deductions.

The amendment sought to permit an unlimited number of deductible conventions. It said, in effect, that conventions elsewhere in North America should be treated the same for tax purposes as conventions in the U.S. are treated. The amendment was offered to HR 3477 (see senate votes above.)

Griffin voted "nay" and Riegle did not vote.

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