

Roll Call Report

Here's how area Members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes June 9 through June 15.

HOUSE
Public Works Rejected, 194 for and 218 against, an amendment to kill 17 public works projects. Members voting "for" favored President Carter's plan to terminate the projects. Although the amendment failed, the closeness of the vote indicated that the House would uphold any Carter veto of the legislation.

The amendment was proposed to HR7553, the public works appropriation bill for fiscal 1978, later passed and sent to Senate. The 17 projects, partially funded in previous years, are among 506 projects included in the bill and account for about \$3.5 billion of the bill's \$10.8 billion total price tag for the fiscal year. Carter has cited them as unnecessary and expensive "pork barrel" legislation, while their defenders have called them essential to prevent flooding and counter drought. The projects are situated in Oregon, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Missouri, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Utah, Colorado and South Dakota.

Rep. Butler Derrick (D-S.C.), co-sponsor of the amendment, said: "We have an obligation to stand up and not allow taxpayers to have to pay for projects which are at best marginal, which raise serious questions as to economic benefits, environmental impact and safety factors."

Rep. Joe Waggoner (D-La.), an opponent, said: "It may make some political sense to some members to support this amendment. But we should not be talking politics today. We should be talking economic sense and common sense, and this amendment falls flat on both accounts."

Reps. David Bonior (D-12), William Brodhead (d-17), James Blanchard (D-18), William Broomfield (R-19) and Carl Pursell (R-2) voted "yea."

Cuba Rejected, 139 for and 206 against, and amendment to deny funding of the U.S.'s budding rapprochement with Cuba. The amendment was proposed to HR 7556, an appropriations bill later passed and sent to the Senate.

The amendment stipulated that no money in the fiscal 1978 State Department appropriations bill could be spent on the plan to put 10 U.S. diplomats in the Swiss Embassy in Havana, to oversee dealings such as trade between the U.S. and Cuba. The U.S. has no formal diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Rep. Robert Lagomarsina (R-Calif.), a supporter, said: "Our government is about to embark on this first step in recognizing Cuba, and unless we give the signal, it will go ahead. So, my colleagues, if we want to make our position known, I think this may well be the last chance we are going to have."

Rep. John Slack (D-W. Va.), an opponent of the amendment, said that the United States' "best interests are served by maintaining communications with all countries, whether or not we approve of their governments or policies. Without such communication, it is difficult to deal with problems which arise and which exist between the two countries."

Broomfield and Pursell voted "yea."

Bonior, Brodhead and Blanchard voted "nay."

Legal Aid Rejected, 178 for and 198 against, an amendment to continue the ban against political activity by attorneys working for the quasi-federal Legal Services Corp. It was proposed to HR 6666, a bill extending the poverty law program for two more years.

HR 6666 called for repealing restrictions on political involvement to the extent that virtually the only prohibited activity would be candidacy in a partisan election. The bill was later passed and sent to the Senate with such language part of it.

Rep. Caldwell Butler (R-Va.), sponsor of the amendment, said that removal of the ban would bring about the "enhancement of the political careers of lawyers at the taxpayers' expense, which has nothing to do in this case with improving the quality of justice for the 29 million poor people in the country."

Rep. Robert Kastenmeier (D-Wisc.), an opponent, said that the courts are now weighing the question of whether the legal services attorneys can hold elective offices in addition to their government jobs. He said they "should not use their political souls" because they hold legal aid positions.

Blanchard and Pursell voted "yea." Brodhead voted "nay." Bonior and Broomfield did not vote.

SENATE

Clean Air Act Rejected, 33 for and 61 against an amendment permitting limited pollution of the nation's areas of cleanest air, in order to permit power plant construction and other forms to industrial development. Such development would take place in pollution-range of clean-air areas but not within them.

The senators voting for the amendment favored the lower standards. The amendment was proposed to S 252, the 1977 Clean Air Act Amendments, later passed and sent to conference with the House.

The rejected amendment would have allowed limited pollution (within public health standards) of Class I areas for up to 18 days annually. Class I areas are defined by the Environmental Protection Agency as national parks and other lands having "virtually pristine" air. Under the current law air cannot be degraded even

if the degradation does not endanger public health.

Sen. James Allen (D-Ala.), a supporter, said the amendment would give states "limited but essential flexibility in determining whether or not industrial plants applying the best available pollution-control technology can be built or operated" near Class I areas.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), an opponent of the amendment, said it would "gut the provision in the committee bill for the prevention of significant deterioration."

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

Clean Air Act Adopted, 56 for and 38 against, an amendment requiring auto maker to meet federal tailpipe-emission standards by the 1980 model year. It was attached to S 252 (see above vote).

The amendment extended the existing 1978 deadline by two years, and softened standards for carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide emissions. But the liberalization was generally favored by environmentalists and opposed by the auto makers and the UAW.

Griffin and Riegle voted "nay."



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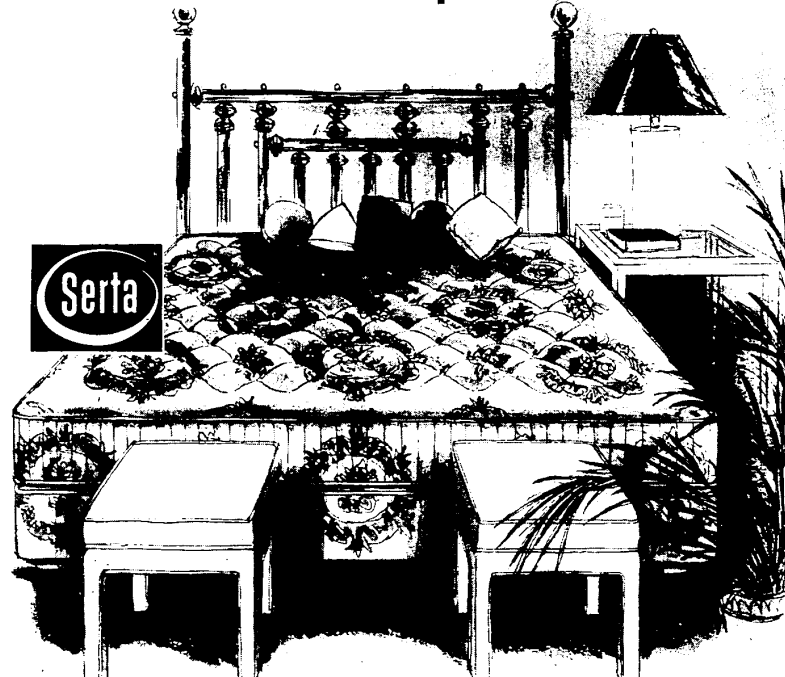
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