

# Developers snubbed

## House says yes to redwood park

Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes Feb. 9 through Feb. 15. There were no Senate votes.

**REDWOODS**—Failed, 116 for and 274 against, to cut a proposed expansion of Redwoods National Park in California. The vote was on a motion to send the bill (HR 3813) back to committee, where, among other cuts, the expansion would be trimmed from 48,000 to 14,000 acres. After failure of the recommitment motion, the House passed the bill and sent it to conference with the Senate. The bill adds 48,000 acres at an acquisition cost of \$359 million, plus a 30,000-acre "buffer zone" that could be added later by the Secretary of Interior at additional cost.

Rep. Thomas Kindness (R-Ohio), a supporter of sending the bill back to committee for trimming, said: "I wish to express the indignation of the voters of Ohio and other states throughout the country who will never see the Redwood National Park and who are concerned about the profligate waste of money that is proposed in this bill."

Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.), an opponent of recommitment and supporter of the bill, said that by putting additional redwoods acreage in the sanctuary of a national park "we are protecting living things that were on the face of this earth before Jesus Christ was born."

Members voting "yes" favored the 48,000-acre expansion of Redwoods National Park.

Reps. David Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens), William Brodhead (D-Detroit), James Blanchard (D-Pleasant Ridge), William Broomfield (R-Birm.) and

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Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) voted "nay."

Rep. William Ford (D-Taylor) did not vote.

**AQUACULTURE**—Passed, 234 for and 130 against, a bill (HR 8370) to establish a national program to develop aquaculture, defined in debate as "the cultivation of aquatic plants and animals in marine brackish and fresh water." At a projected cost of \$28.8 million over six years, a new agency in the Department of Commerce would stimulate the breeding of commercially-desirable fish within U.S. territorial waters. To that end, the department would make available to private industry such inducements as federal loan guarantees and insurance to attract development capital.

Rep. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), a supporter, said the bill would "provide fishermen with the necessary incentives to make their industry a viable one, and one that will be able to meet the ever-increasing demand for protein-rich foods."

Rep. Sonny Montgomery (D-Miss.), an opponent, said: "The legislation appears to be primarily for the benefit of salt water aquaculture. Yet...the

most significant aquaculture we presently have in the U.S. is fresh water fish."

Members voting "yes" favored establishing a new federal program for aquaculture.

Bonior, Brodhead, Broomfield and Pursell voted "yes."

Ford and Blanchard did not vote.

**BLACK LUNG**—Adopted, 264 for and 113 against, the conference report on HR 4544, the Black Lung Benefits Reform Act of 1977. The bill liberalizes the procedures under which coal miners receive disability payments for pneumoconiosis (black lung disease)

and related occupational ailments. It was headed for the White House and President Carter's signature.

It's thrust is to make it easier for miners to obtain payment for future and existing impairment, at the same time costs are shifted from the U.S. Treasury to coal mine operators.

Rep. Carl Perkins (D-Ky.), a supporter, said "our nation's coal miners and the survivors of those who died crippled from the ravages of black lung disease will begin to participate in the kind of sensitive and equitable federal program we imagined when we enacted the first black lung benefits law in 1969."

Rep. Ronald Sarasin (R-Conn.), an opponent, called the bill "special interest legislation" which contradicts medical fact in its presumption "that simple pneumoconiosis is rebuttably presumed to be totally disabling."

Members voting "yes" favored passage of the bill.

Bonior, Brodhead, Broomfield and Pursell voted "yes."

Ford and Blanchard did not vote.

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