## House skims Amtrak; hikes staff; kills anti-busing bill

Here's how area Members of Con-gress were recorded on major roll call votes July 19-25. HOUSE

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AMTRAK - The House rejected, 197
for and 214 against, an amendment to
continue the full 27,900-mile Amtrak
passenger train network for another
year. The amendment was proposed to
full 3996, a bill authorizing Amtrak operations in fiscal 1980 and beyond. As
alter passed and sent to the Senate, the
bill cuts Amtrak to 22,000 miles of rail
in order to stem its massive financial
losses.

Rep. Albett Gore, Jr., D-Tenn., the sponsor, said that due to shortages of gasoline, passenger train service should be kept intact for at least anoth-

# **Roll Call** Report



Clemens, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Brodhead, D-Detroit and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge voted

'yea". Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth voted

"nay."
Rep. William Broomfield, R-Bloomfield Twp. did not vote.

er year.

Rep. James Florio, D-N.J., an opponent, said that in preserving Amtrak's least-productive routes the flouse in vites the failure of the entire system.

Members voting "yea" wanted to keep Amtrak at its present size during the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. te, Reps. David Bonior, D-Mount 1978.

SCHOOL BUSING — By a vote of 299 for and 216 against, the House failed to achieve the two-thirds majorialled to achieve the two-thirds majorialled to approve a proposed "neighborhood schools" constitutional amendment. The measure was designed primarily to outlaw court-or-freed busing to integrate schools.

Rep. Ronald Mottl, D-Ohio, the sponsors, said court-ordered busing "is a so-sor, said court-ordered busing "is a so-ELECTION COMMISSIONER — The Senate confirmed, 73 for and 25 against, President Carter's nomination of Frank Reiche, a New Jersey Repub-lican, to the Federal Election Commis-

lican, to the Federal Election Commis-sion.

Reiche was opposed by many Senate Republicans who doubted that he was a sufficiently partisan Republican and disilked his retusal to oppose public in-nancing of congressional catapalgas to the construction of the construction of the top laws, has three Democratic and three GOP commissioners.

Sen. Mark Madfield, R-Ore, a sup-porter, criticized "those who lead peo-ple to believe they represent true Republicanism."

Sen Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, an oppo-

Hepublicanism. "
Sen Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, an opponent, said that if Reiche proves to be "not a partisan Republican" the Democratic Party point of view could prevail on the FEC.
Senators voting "nay" opposed the nomination.

Sens. Donald Riegle and Carl Levin, both Democrats, voted "yea."

ABORTION — The Senate adopted, 57 for and 42 against, a more conservative position of the abortion issue. The language was the adoption issue. The language was the adoption support and const bill (RH 4389) late appearance of the flows. It is constant of the senate of

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Senators voting "yea" were anxious to compromise with the House on the abortion issue.

Levin voted "yea." Riegle did not vote.

### McNamara retains chair in SEMTA board election

Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara way from Jefferson to Grand Bouleavar eneutly reelected chairman of he Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority Board of Directors. The 15-member board unanimously e-elected McNamara for a second one-ear term as chairman. He has represented the Wayne County suburbs on he transportation authority board

Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara was recently re-elected chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority Board of Directors. The 15-member board unanimously re-elected McNamara for a second one-year term as chairman. He has represented the Wayne County suburbs on the transportation authority board since June 1977.

R.J. Alexander, who represents Oakland County, was elected to replace Henry M. Hogan, who opposed the rapid transit compromise plan which Alexander supported, had expected to rapid transit compromise pian which Alexander supported, had expected to be dropped as first vice chairperson and offered no contest.

The plan requires approval by the Michigan Legislature, which is expect-ed to consider it before the end of the

Alexander, who was appointed to the board by the Southeast Michigan Coun-cil of Governments, voted for the re-gional plan while Hogan, appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, voted against it.

-McNAMARA WAS instrumental in the SEMTA hoard's agreement in April the death of Dauris Jackson, 52, who on a \$1.4 billion light rail rapid transit he perior and sometimes the tween Detroit and solutions represent actives. The plan would include a subtress. The plan would include a subtress. The plan would include a subtress. SEMTA MEANWHILE is mourning the death of Dauris Jackson, 52, who had been re-elected second vice chairperson. Mrs. Jackson was killed

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member's personal staff. The measure (H Res 359) does not require Senate concurrence and takes effect Aug. 1. Rep. Carrol (Lampbell, R-SC., a supporter, said the staff enlargement will give members "Some flexibility for dealing with attrautous in their offices, such as a maternity leave, such as a the need for a temporary employee to bring special expertise. Chair and the hike "will guarantee more staff profileration and, in its train, a requirement for more space, more funiture, more parking, and more telephones."

Members voting "yea" wanted larger personal staffs.

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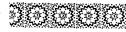
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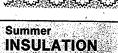
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