House refuses to centralize energy jurisdiction

HOUSE

ENERGY JURISDICTION: The ENERGY JURISDICTION: The House rejected, 282-125, an attempt to create an Energy Committee to assume an energy jurisdiction now spread among more than 80 House committees and sub-committees. The vote came during debate on H Res 549, later adopted in a form that gives the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee broader jurisdiction over energy matters.

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Rep. Jerry Patterson, D-Calif., a supporter, said: "The U.S. today is the only industrialized nation without ac comprehensive the said; the said of t

with respect to our tax laws."
Members voting "yea" want a single
House committee to handle virtually
all energy legislation.
Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth,
voted "yea."
Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens,
William Ford, D-Taylor, William Brodhead, D-Detroit, James Blanchard, DPleasant Ridge and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham voted "nay."

roll call report

BUYING A HOME. The House voted, 238-178, to severely restrict the practice of states and localities issuing tax-exempt bonds for home mortgage purposes. A growing number of states and cities issue "mortgage subsidy" bonds to raise money which they, in turn, use to substidie home-mortgage interest rates at private lending institutions. This stimulates home-buying. State and municipal bonds are tax-exempt in that their purchasers do not pay federal income tax on the interest received. The bill (IRS 7841), sent to the Senate, ends the tax-exempt status of mortgage-subsidy bonds after 1982, except when they subsidize home-income persons.

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with mortgage-sussiy bones, except the U.S. Treasury and 220 million (axpayers..." Rep. Tom Raiisback, R-III., an oppo-nent, said that in his district home-mortgage bonds have yielded benefits "felt not only by the individuals buying houses, but by the area's entire econo-my."

Members voting "yea" want to curb the issuance of tax-exempt home-mort-gage bonds.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Brodhead, and Blanchard voted "yea."

Bill requires employers to post chemical notice

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TRENCH COATS

Gov. William G. Milliken has signed ato law a bill aimed at protecting workers exposed to chemical substanc-

es. The bill (HB 4063, I.E.) amends the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act to require employers to post conspicuously safety information listing the chemical substances with which employees must work or to which employees must work or to which they may be exposed in the

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formation as the hazards of the chemi-cal, the permissible exposure levels, protective measures to be employed in handling the chemical and such charac-eristics as its boiling poin, (Bashpoint, the stability of the substance or mix-ture, and the conditions and situations which must be avoided," Milliken said. "The risks faced by workers who handle such substances are becoming more apparent as our knowledge in-

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Broomfield voted "nav."

Froemted voted "nay."

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION:
The House adopted, 216-201, a resolution (BJ Res 161) providing a stopgap
appropriation of \$9.8 million to keep
the Federal Trade Commission in operation for another 45 days. A separate
bill, providing regular, long-term funding for the embattled agency, is expected to be enacted before the 45-day period runs out.

Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., a sup-porter, said "the FTC is not perfect, but it often is the consumer's only protec-tion from victimization by special-in-

Rep. James Quillen, R-Tenn., an op-ponent of funding the FTC, said: "Back home, the way to kill a rattlesnake is to cut its head off."

Members voting "yea" favor stopgap funding to keep the FTC from closing its doors. Pursell, Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and

SENATE

MONEY FOR FTC: Following the lead of the House (see preceding vote), the Senate voted 79-13 against to provide interim funding to keep the Federal Trade Commission open for business. The resolution (HJ Res 514) thus become lever.



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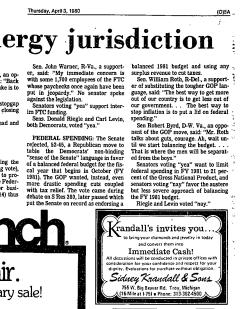
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