Confidence booster

House backs Reagan budget blueprint

BUDGET BLUEPRINT: By a vote of 253-176, the House approved the Reagan administration's budget plan for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 and rejected a Democratic alternative. The budget resolution is only a guide-line to be firmed up later in committee and floor votes on specific programs.

The administration blueprint, the so-called Gramm-Latta amendment, an-ticipates §888.8 billion in outlays for fiscal 1982, a \$31 billion deficit and a \$13.3 billiod tax cut. The repudiated Democratic plan also mandated aust-erity but without the massive disman-tling of social programs urged by the administration and endorsed by Gramm-Latta supporters.

Supporter Eldon Rudd, R-Ariz., said, "We must back our president. We are not Republicans or Democrats when it comes to this budget at this point in his-tory. We are Americans."

Opponent James Jones, D-Okla, said some members voting with the administration might reverse themselves on later votes on specific spending measures. "We should not cast a vote for what is politically expedient at the moment but which we intend to renege on later," he said.

Members voting yea favored the Ad-ministration budget plan. Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted yea. Reps. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Brod-head, D-Detroit, and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, voted nay.

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Supporter William Ford, D-Mich, said: "What the Administration seeks to do through its Alice in Wonderland economics is turn back the social clock in the areas of pensions, unemployment insurance, public assistance, education

Members voting yea wanted higher levels of funding of social programs in fiscal 1982 along with a balanced budg-et. Bonior, Ford and Brodhead voted yea. Pursell, Sawyer, Blanchard, Broomfield, Vander Jagt, Albosta and Davis voted nav.

BLACK CAUCÚS BUDGET: By a vote of 69-356, the House rejected an amendment that was the Congressional Black Caucus's version of the fiscal 1982 budget resolution. It called for less spending on defense and more on food stamps, education, housing and other programs important to the poor, and it recommended a tax cut weighted toward middleincome workers and

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in this nation, the government would stand by its people."

Opponents did not speak during de-ate on the amendment.

Supporter Parren Mitchell, D-Md, called the Reagan administration's budget "a denial of a long-standing commitment made by America to American people that somehow or another, when every other resource failed only. Wander Jagt did not vote.

Stolen goods for grabs

Both the Gakland County auction of surplus equipment and the sheriff de-partment's auction of unclaimed stolen and recovered property will be Saturday, May 16, behind the county's central garage in the service center complex, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

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The sheriff's auction will begin at 9 a.m. Gates will open at 7 a.m. to allow inspection of the 77 bicycles, var-

ious tools, several aluminum row-boats and other goods.

The county surplus auction will-feature about 70 automobiles — mainly full-size Portlaces and Chevro-lets — some 175 pieces of office fu-niture, more than 130 office mi-chines, a variety of lawn equipmen; and some offroad utility vehicles.
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