

roll call report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Feb. 8-10.

HOUSE

POLAND — By a vote of 152 for and 256 against, the House passed an attempt to force Poland into default as a result of its inability to pay U.S. banks about \$71 million in principal and interest that was due in January.

Poland obtained the loans to cover agricultural purchases from U.S. farmers, and the loans are guaranteed by the federal Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC). The Administration decided to rescure the international credit standing of Poland by using CCC money to pay the banks. It said that to do otherwise would trigger a Western banking crisis. The vote occurred during debate on a CCC funding bill (HR 355) that was passed and sent to the Senate.

Jobs, change workshops set by OU

The Continuum Center at Oakland University, Rochester, is offering two workshops to help people cope with difficult situations in their lives. The first will deal with job-hunting skills, and the second with decisions about returning to work or school.

The "Job Hunting Skills" workshop is a one-day seminar covering the steps involved in seeking and obtaining work. Judy Hopkin, a career counselor, will lead the workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 6, at the Continuum Center.

Participants will learn how to look for work, how to research employers, how to get ready for an interview and how to strengthen their weak points, said Ms. Hopkin. Cost for the workshop is \$35, which includes lunch. "Considering Change" is a nine-session workshop aimed specifically at persons who are deciding whether to return to work or school. Sarah Uhle, a career counselor at the Continuum Center, will conduct the workshop with the help of peer counselors.

The sessions will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 24. The \$75 fee includes a workbook.

To register for either workshop, call the Continuum Center at 377-3033.

Supporter Ron Paul, R-Texas, said that under the Administration policy "the Communists are being quietly relieved of their burden, the CCC and the U.S. Treasury are quietly shifting this debt onto the . . . American taxpayer, and the big banks are silently nodding in approval."

Opponent Henry Reuss, D-Wis., said that to force Poland into default would cause more hunger for the Polish people, turn Western allies against the U.S., and invite banking chaos. He told colleagues to vote for default "if you want to take the risk of precipitating a world crisis . . ."

Members voting yea wanted to send Poland into default by denying a U.S. government bailout of its debts to U.S. banks.

Rep. William Brodhead, D-Detroit, voted yea. Reps. David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens, William Ford, D-Taylor, James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, and William Brookfield, R-Birmingham, voted nay.

Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, did not vote.

HEATING AID — The House passed, 342 for and 62 against, and sent to the Senate a measure (HJ Res 392) appropriating an additional \$123 million to help the poor pay home-heating bills. This brings to about \$1.8 billion the fiscal 1982 outlay for the program.

Supporter Richard Bolling, D-Mo., said, "This winter has been the coldest . . . in this century and it is expected that the states will exhaust the (federal) energy assistance funds before the close of the winter heating season."

Opponent Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, said the Administration opposed the additional outlay for home-heating bills. This brings to about \$1.8 billion the fiscal 1982 outlay for the program.

Members voting yea favored creating an Office of Justice Assistance to award crime-fighting grants.

Bonior, Ford, Brodhead and Brookfield voted yea. Pursell and Brookfield did not vote.

CRIME — By a vote of 289 for and 73 against, the House passed a bill creating a new program of federal grants to help states, localities and private organizations fight crime. Up to \$170 million through fiscal 1983 would be granted by a new office of Justice Assistance, according to a formula based on population and crime rates. The bill (HR 4881) was sent to the Senate.

Supporter Leo Zeferetti, D-N.Y., said, "Crime is a national problem and

our states and localities need some federal assistance."

Opponent James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., called the bill a resurrection of the unsuccessful Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), too expensive at a time of belt-tightening, and he said it attacks the symptoms rather than causes of crime.

Members voting yea favored creating an Office of Justice Assistance to award crime-fighting grants.

Bonior, Brodhead, Blanchard and Brookfield voted yea. Pursell and Ford did not vote.

SENATE — By a vote of 39 for and 55 against, the Senate refused to take a hard line on the Polish loan issue (see House vote above). The vote rejected an amendment requiring the Administration to declare Poland in default before it can use Commodity Credit Corp. money to cover the \$71 million due U.S. banks, or, failing that, to explain why a no-fault policy serves U.S. interests.

The CCC funding bill (HJ Res 389) later was sent to the White House.

Sponsor Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said it was necessary to force Poland into default because the U.S. and its allies "have not found a way to apply meaningful pressure on either the military junta in Warsaw or its masters in Moscow" to end martial law in Poland.

Opponent Charles Mathias, R-Md., said that for the U.S. to cause Polish

default would "be a boon in the Soviet Union by striking a blow at the NATO alliance more devastating than any blow that the Soviet Union itself could strike."

Most senators voting yea wanted the U.S. to push Poland into default.

Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yea.

HEATING AID — The Senate passed, 85 for and 10 against, and sent to the White House, the bill (HJ Res 392) appropriating and additional \$123 million in home heating aid for the poor (see House vote above).

Sponsor Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "We are facing the serious forces of recession and increasing unemployment that have compounded the problem of families trying to heat their homes."

Opponents did not speak during debate.

Senators voting yea favored passage of the bill.

Levin and Riegle voted yea.

FILIBUSTER — By a vote of 63 for and 33 against, the Senate achieved the three-fifths majority needed to end a filibuster conducted by opponents of tougher federal policy against school busing. The vote cleared the way for further consideration of a Justice Department spending bill (\$ 951) that would virtually end present and future court-order busing to desegregate schools.



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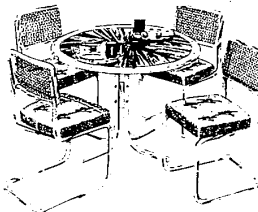
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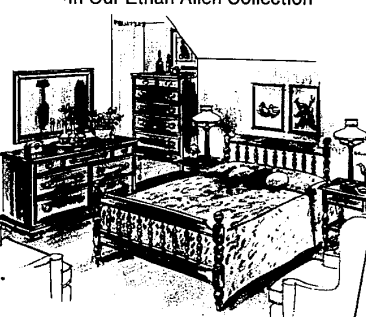
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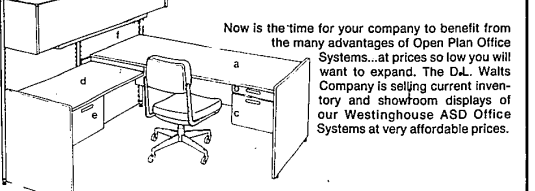
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