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Dems scoff at Broomfield arms talks resolution

To Republican Rep. William Broomfield, the nuclear arms package resolution passed by the House was a "victory for the country." But to Demoratic colleague William Ford, the resolution was a "fraud." In a narrow wote of 284-202 Thursday night, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment spasored by Broomfield of Birmingham, which supports the START talks on nuclear arms now under way with the Soviets in Geneva. The amended resolution was given final passage in a second vote, 273-125.

INSTEAD OF an immediate freeze, which Democrats would have liked, Broomfield, ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a spokesman for the Reagan administration, offered a substitute resolution.

It called for eventually achieving "an equita-ble and verifiable agreement which freezes strategic forces at equal and substantially re-duced levels."

duced levels."

"It endorses strategic arms negotiations al-ready under way," Broomfield said in a tele-phone interview. "My bill calls for reduction at all levels."

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Democrats disagree. They refer to Broom-field's amendment as the Broomfield-Reagan

DEMOCRATS FAVORED a committee rgiobution calling for an immediate freeze in superpowers production, testing and deployment of
nuclear arms. It never came to a vote.
Democrats said the Broomfield amendment
just maintains the status quo. "It's not a freeze
at all, it's a fraud," said Rep. William Ford, DTaylor. He voted against the amendment and
let before the final vote was taken.
"It calls for the U.S. and the Russians to

agree to a mutually verifiable freeze of tactical nuclear weapons," said Ferd, whose district in-cludes Garden City, Westland and Canton. Ford added that Reagan and the Republicans favor a nuclear buildup until the U.S. catches up with Tussis.

"The White House says that we may be behind the Russians in the buildup. Maybe we are, but it's a waste of money building more arms. You don't need a case of amunition to go deer hunting and shoot one deer," he said.

Pursell cited a public opinion poll showing that 66 percent of the American public favors an arms freeze.
"These are not just intellectuals or students protesting. It goes much broader than that. It touches middle America," said Pursell, whose 2nd District includes Livonia, Ann Arbor and Morroe.

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"One benefit of this is that it may make the U.S. force its allies to up their own defense funds and establish a better reciprocity. We can't carry Europe and the Far East on our backs forever. It's time for NATO to go out and fund its own programs for defense," Pursell said.

VOTING FOR the Broomfield resolution were Pursell and James Blanchard, D-Pleasant

Ridge.
Among those opposing it were Democrats
David Bonior of Mt. Clemens and William Brodhead of Detroit.

Ford and Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, left be-

fore the final vote.

Blanchard said he was disappointed with the resolution, but said the final draft calls for a reduction.

"I would have preferred a freeze, but this is better than nothing," he said.

Totaleard described the "Broomfield-Rose proposal as one that says, "We should have equal ability in arms before we have a freeze."

"It says 'Let's continue the status quo. Only when we are equal, then we can talk about arms control agreement."

"I favor a freeze and this proposal is not a freeze," he added.

While Broomfield said his proposal was a reduction tactic, he said he didn't believe it would satisfy nuclear freeze support groups.

The resolution goes to the Republican-controlled Senate, where it is expected to pass.

County drain units merged, job cut

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted 21-0 to reorganize the office of the Drain Commissioner George Kuhn leaving one person without a job.

Because of the depressed state of the economy and a reduced workload, the drain commissioner's water and sewer unit was merged with the drain engineering unit. The combined unit will be called "engineering."

The merger eliminates the position of chief of drain maintenance in the maintenance unit. However, the position of chief of grain and the position of the ginger III will be

ever, the position of civil engineer III will be

created.
Commissioner William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, asked that every effort be made to find a job for the laid-off person.
Commissioners not voting were Wallace Gabler, R-Royal Oak; Donald Geary, D-Ferndale; George Jackson, R-Birmingham; Robert Page, R-Birmingham; and John Peterson, R-Rochester.

Gilbert hears OU case arguments

Arguments were heard Wednesday in the case of the Michigan attorney gen-rail versus the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

Oakland Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert said she would issue a written opinion at a later date in deciding whether Ot trustees violated the state's Open Meetings Act when they selected Joseph Champagne as president in 1980.

Richard Headlee, Ot board chairman and Republican gubernatorial hopeful, has been able to escape any repercussions of a possible unfavorable decision because of numerous post-ponements in the case.

ATTORNEY General Frank Kelley, ho filed suit against the trustees in ovember 1980, charged that closed-por interviews of presidential candi-

door interviews of presidential candidates violated the Open Meetings Act. Kelley is seeking \$500 in civil damages from each of OU's eight trustees. While there are both Democrats and Republicans on the board, the most politically potent hame is Headlee's. Headlee was anoninted to the board.

Headlee was appointed to the board by Gov. Milliken. After Headlee deliv-

ered blistering criticism of his policies, the governor said aloud he was sorry he had ever appointed Headlee to the post. A spokesman for Kelley said that while nany complaints about violation of the Open Meetings Act come to the attorney general's office, the complaint from OU was selected because it is a statewide institution and because the OU board's violations have been fla-

THE TRUSTEES' attorney, James Howlett, of Bloomfield Hills, maintains that because the trustees met in small groups of less than a quorum, they were not bound by the Open Meetings

Assistant Attorney General Deborah Assistant Attorney General Deborah Devine, however, argues that the group deliberately circumvented the law by breaking into small committees, each less than a quorum, and meeting simultaneously in the same building to conduct interviews with presidential candidates on Oct. 17 and 18, 1980.

"The defendants, with the advice of their counsel, subdivided into two

groups of less than a quorum to conduct interviews to avoid the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, "her brief said.

COURT DOCUMENTS state that on Dec. 6, 1980, six members met in a closed session to discuss the final selection of president. Three days later, a bullie vote was taken, with the same taken when the same taken before the closed session to discuss the final selection of president. Three days later, a bullie vote was taken, with the same taken with the same taken before the condidentities.

But Devine's brief countered: "We're brief coun

County sets 5

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners, answering a plea of several citizens, has set five night meetings to determine if it will stimulate more public interest.

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In a 15-5 vote, the commissioners voted to establish board meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Thrusday of September and at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of October, November and December.
Commissioners Robert Page, R-Birmingham, and John Peterson, R-Robertser, voted with the mi-

evening meetings

The night meetings were established on a trial basis to see if there will be enough interest generated to be worth the extra costs incurred by employing county personnel at staggered hours.

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ased to announce that its regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share will be paid September 10, 1982 to shareholders of record September 1, 1982.

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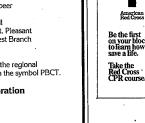
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