Area reps back delay of auto exhaust enforcement

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Sept. 9 - 15.

HOUSE:

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AUTO EXHAUST — By a vote of 200 for and 184 against, the House adopted an amendment to give states another year. Before they must require mandatory vehicle inspections in metropolitan areas having dirty air. The emission-control inspection prarm, a part of the 1970 Clean Air Act, now is scheduled to be in full force by 1983. It affects areas of 29 states, some of which already have begun mandatory inspection.

However, most affected states have delayed their programs, and the Environmental Protection Agency recently threatened Michigan, Olito and 12 others with enforcement action it they do not soon begin inspection y eiths purpose during fiscal 1983, was studied to an appending money for this purpose during fiscal 1983, was the Development, the EPA, and other agencies. The measure (IIR 8956) was passed and sent to the Senate.

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EPA.

Reps. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Brodhead, D-Detroit and William Bromfileld, R-Birmingham voted "yea."
Rep. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens
voted nay."
Rep. James Blanchard, D-Pleasant
Ridge, did not vote.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS — By a vote of 250 for and 132 against, the House failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill designed primarily to give drug manufactures longer patents on drugs they discover.

One effect of the bill would have been to delay competition from generic drug manufacturers, who after the expiration of a patent generally market popular drugs at lower costs. The bill (IR 6444) required a two-thirds majority for passage because it was considered under a short-cut producture that projibited floor amendments. It sought to give manufacturers of federally regulated products up to seven additional years on their patent. The current patent term is usually 17 years.

years.
Spansor Robert Kastenmeier, D-Wis, said the bill protected consumer interests while agazuing "more rapid technological innovation in the pharmaceutical and chemical industities..."
Opponent Barney Frank, D-Mass, said the bill would put generic drugs "further out of the reach of consumers."

federal-state safety program for recreational boaters.
Revenue from the four-cents-a-agal-ton motorboat fuel tax was to have been used to pay the program's \$20 million annual pricetag. The vote was 259 for and 137 against — shy of the two-thirds majority required for passage under the short-cut parliamentary rules in effect during debate.
Sponsor Gerry Studds, D-Mass., said that the ten-year-old safety program has been a success, but that it has not

been funded lately. This bill would insure funding, he said.

The Reagan Administration opposed the bill because it removed the boat process. The said of the bill because it removed the boat process, thus denying it power to centrol its costs.

Members voting "yea" lavored a user's fee method of funding the safety program for recreational boaters.

Pursell, Bontor, Ford, Broadhead and Broomfield voted "yea."

Blanchard did not vote.

ABORTION — By a vote of 47 for and 46 against, the Senate tabled and

then killed an amendment banning the use of federal funds for abortions and setting the stage for challenges to the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that permits abortions during the first three months of pregnancy.

Senators voting "yea" wanted to de-rail the tough anti-abortion measure. Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, Michigan Democrats, voted "yea."

The amendment had been proposed to a bill increasing the national debt limit (HJ Res \$20), and its defeat signalled an end this year to efforts by conservations to enact tough anti-abor-







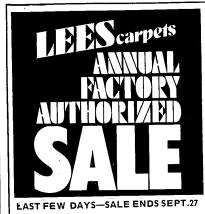
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