

Broomfield on losing side in public works funding

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

HOUSE
PUBLIC WORKS: The House passed, 308-113, a bill to spend \$1.5 billion over three years on public works projects carried out by communities hard hit by the recession and on loans to small businesses. About 60 percent of the nation's counties would get a share of the money.

The bill (HR 10) would preserve the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, which the Reagan Administration wants to terminate. It was sent to the Senate.

Supporter James Howard, D-N.J., said the bill recognized that many communities victimized by structural as well as cyclical changes in the economy "cannot solve their problems on their own."

Opponent Norman Shumway, R-Calif., said "the firms and regions that this legislation is intended to benefit may well be better off as a result of a healthy, sustained economic recovery."

Members voting yes supported the bill.

Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, William Ford, D-Taylor, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

HOUSING: By a vote of 263-158, the House passed a bill (HR 1) that authorizes \$15.6 billion in fiscal 1984 for federal housing and community development programs.

It is the first federal housing program approved by the House during the Reagan Administration. Its backers said it renews the federal commitment to decent shelter for all.

In part, the bill calls for construction of an estimated 200,000 units for poor and moderate-income occupants, extends the Community Development Block Grant and Urban Development Action Grant programs, and funds rural housing, urban homesteading and rent-subsidy programs.

The Senate is working on a counterpart bill.

Supporter Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said "the Reagan Administration record is one of devastation of lower income housing programs."

Opponent Chalmers Wylie, R-Ohio, called the bill too expensive and said "the prospect of a federal budget deficit of \$200 billion constitutes our greatest threat to affordable housing."

Members voting yes supported the \$15.6 billion housing bill.

Voting yes: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Pursell and Broomfield.

RENT CONTROL: The House rejected, 205-217, an attempt to deny federal aid for multi-family housing to communities that have rent-control ordinances. The vote occurred during debate on HR 1 (see preceding issue).

Supporter Toby Roth, R-Wis., said "there is nothing that is a greater impediment to adequate housing in this country today than are rent controls."

Opponent Fernand St. Germain, D-R.I., said the attempt to roll back rent control is "too much interference" in local affairs.

Members voting yes were opposed to municipal rent control laws.

Voting yes: Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

SENATE

NERVE GAS: The Senate approved, 50-49 against, a \$130 million outlay to enable the United States to resume production of nerve gas weaponry after a 14-year moratorium.

The vote tabled (killed) an amendment to block the expenditure as part of the \$200 billion defense authorization bill for fiscal 1984. After senators deadlocked at 49, Vice President Bush cast the deciding vote in favor of producing nerve gas.

Supporter Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., said a replenished nerve gas arsenal will encourage the Soviets to negotiate arms reductions and discourage their use of chemical weapons against NATO forces.

Opponent David Pryor, D-Ark., said renewed production would not enhance U.S. military prowess but "could mark the beginning of a new kind of arms race."

Senators voting yes wanted the U.S.

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arsenal to once again include nerve gas.

Michigan's Democratic senators, Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, both voted no.

SECURITY: By a vote of 44-53, the Senate failed to table (kill) an amendment prohibiting the military from using private firms for firefighting and security services at U.S. bases.

The Pentagon wants to contract privately for such services, but this vote blocked it from doing so for two years. The vote occurred during debate on the fiscal 1984 military authorization bill (S 675; see preceding issue).

Sen. Paula Hawkins, R-Fla., who voted to kill the amendment, said "the vitality and competition of the free market (can) bring greater efficiency to the military."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said "contractor employees have the right to strike and should that happen it would quite seriously interfere" with the operation of a military base.

Senators voting yes wanted bases to be able to contract privately for firefighting and security services.

Levin and Riegle voted no. B-1. By a vote of 68-30, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to delete from the 1984 defense authorization bill \$6.2 billion for the first purchases of the B-1 bomber.

The B-1 is being developed as an interim weapon between the aged B-52's and the advanced technology Stealth bomber slated for deployment in the 1990s.

Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, who voted to kill the amendment, called the B-1 a "great deterrent" to enemies who would "make the mistake to underestimate what the underlying willpower of the American people is."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said of the B-1: "We do not need to spend \$20 billion to \$40 billion on a temporary fix."

Senators voting no wanted to kill the B-1 bomber project.

Levin and Riegle voted no.

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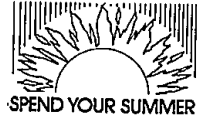
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