

House backs boost in federal revenue sharing

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes July 28 through Aug. 3.

HOUSE REVENUE — The House rejected, 178 for and 248 against, an amendment to keep "revenue sharing" payments to local governments at their present level.

Defeat of the amendment allowed a \$450-million increase in outlays in each of the next three years. In fiscal 1984-86, payments will total \$5.02 billion annually. Localities can spend the money with few federal restrictions.

The House later sent HR 2780 to the Senate.

Sponsor Al McCandless, R-Calif., said that to spend the additional \$450 million annually would "guarantee higher interest rates and possibly retard the economic recovery now under way."

Opponent Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., said local governments need the money and that "what we are doing is giving people back something which was theirs to begin with."

Voting yes (for cutting revenue sharing) were William Ford, D-Taylor, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no, and favoring the additional \$450 million annually in revenue

sharing, were Carl Persell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

HELP — By a vote of 252 for and 174 against, the House passed a bill to spend up to \$4 billion over two years on health insurance for unemployed individuals who lost their medical coverage when they lost their jobs.

During fiscal 1984 and 1985, states would get block grants to be used to pay the insurance premiums of the jobless, their spouses and children under age 18.

The bill (HR 3021) was sent to the Senate. Sponsors said it would enable some 10 million jobless to regain medical coverage.

Supporter Thomas Downey, D-N.Y., said "it is time to put our votes where our mouths are and support a program that will actually do American workers some good."

Opponent Barber Conable, R-N.Y., called the bill "an echo from the Great Society" that will worsen the federal deficit and do little for the poorest Americans.

Members voting yes supported the \$4-billion emergency health care program. Voting yes: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Persell and Broomfield.

KING — The House passed, 336 for and 99 against, and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 3704) setting the third Monday of each January as a national holiday honoring the birthday of slain civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr.

This would be the 10th national holiday and the first honoring a black.

Supporter Parren Mitchell, D-Md., responded to the argument the observance would cost too much, saying: "What about the cost (to blacks) under that system of segregation that was so rigid in this nation?"

Opponent Herbert Bateman, R-Va.,

said taking the Monday off would be too costly to government payrolls and the private sector and urged that the next national holiday be for Thomas Jefferson.

Members voting yes wanted the national holiday for King. Voting yes: Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

Voting no: Persell.

SENATE STANDARDS — By a vote of 75 for and 18 against, the Senate delayed until Saturday, Oct. 15, or later the effective date of new work rules which the Office of Personnel Management has proposed for civil servants.

The sweeping changes are advocated by the administration and opposed by unions representing federal workers. They would give more weight to merit and less to seniority in determining a civil servant's salary and job security.

This vote occurred during debate on an appropriations bill (HR 3329) conference report that later was approved and sent to the White House.

Sen. Paul Trible, R-Va., who voted for the delay, said "we have no reason

to assume that this untried system will result in a more effective and efficient work force."

Opponent James Abdnor, R-S.D., said the changes "will improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the federal government."

Senators voting yes wanted to delay the so-called pay-for-performance rules the civil servants, Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle both voted yes.

Unused CETA funds may go to consortium

Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy plans to recommend that more than \$199,000 in unused county CETA money go to the Greater Pontiac Area Consortium.

Set up to help low income or unemployed people train for new jobs, the Pontiac Consortium serves Independent Township, Lake Orion, Pontiac, Pontiac Township, Waterford and White Lake Township.

MURPHY SAID the money will not be used by the Comprehensive Training Employment Act (CETA) during the fiscal year 1983.

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Other prime candidates are individuals being treated for coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or lung problems.

MEDICALLY supervised exercise sessions are scheduled mornings or evenings three days weekly. A two-hour lecture/discussion period at 7 p.m. Mondays will emphasize topics like medication, stress, behavior change, cholesterol, first aid and weight control.

Registration information is available from Rita Faudman at 350-2018 or an OCC admissions counselor at 350-3507.

Stan Freville, who took the class after undergoing coronary bypass surgery last year, could not drive and had difficulty moving around then.

"Now I'm jogging and have returned to my normal activities — including work," said the president of Business Data Systems, Milford.

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