

House keeps parks safeguards

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Sept. 29 through Oct. 5.

HOUSE

PARKS — By a vote of 160 for and 245 against, the House rejected an amendment on the question of how protected national parks should be against development occurring on adjacent federal lands.

The amendment sought to remove a proposed requirement that the Interior secretary determine whether a state gets supplemental benefits based on its Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR), which counts only those individuals still revolving normal state and federal jobless checks.

The amendment, opposed by the Reagan Administration as too costly, sought to base the determination on a state's actual unemployment rate, thus benefiting states having high concentrations of long-term jobless.

It was offered to a bill (HR 2378) providing a variety of additional safeguards for national parks. The bill was sent to the Senate.

Supporter John Breaux, D-La., said the existing National Environmental Policy Act is adequate to protect national parks against intrusions from nearby federal property.

John Selberling, D-Ohio, opposed the amendment, saying it would be "in effect, gutting the bill."

Members voting yes wanted to kill the extra layer of protection for national parks.

Votes yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Votes no: Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, William Ford, D-Taylor, and Sander Levin, D-Southfield. The bill was sent to the Senate.

BENEFITS — The House rejected, 144 for and 278 against, an administration-backed effort to make the federal unemployment compensation program less costly to all taxpayers but less beneficial to the long-term jobless.

This occurred during debate on a bill (HR 2029), likely to be conference with the Senate, that extends the program providing unemployment checks to the jobless who have exhausted their normal allotment of state and federal benefits.

The vote turned back a GOP attempt to limit supplemental benefit to a maximum of 12 weeks and extend the program for 18 months. It left intact Democratic language providing up to 16 weeks of additional federal checks and renewing the program for only 12 days.

Democrats wanted another extension after 45 days. Republicans said this was a ploy to provide a vehicle for a tax-increase legislation the president opposes.

Members voting yes favored the less-costly administration plan for renewing the program that provides an extra series of unemployment checks.

Voting no: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

RADIO TO CUBA — By a vote of 302 for and 109 against, the House passed and sent to the White House a bill (S 602) to establish Radio Marti within the Voice of America for broadcasting to Cuba.

The station will counter the narrow world view Cubans now receive from their government's news managers. Since the VOA is largely objective, Radio Marti will be less propagandistic than President Reagan had wanted it to be.

To get the bill through Congress, he agreed to incorporate Radio Marti in the VOA rather than the less-restrained U.S. Board for International Broadcasting.

Supporter Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., said "there is no question of the righteousness of our efforts to export the American idea to the rest of the world."

No opponents spoke against the bill.

Members voting yes wanted to establish Radio Marti as part of the Voice of America. Pursell voted yes.

Voting no: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Not voting: Broomfield.

SENATE

RATE — The Senate rejected, 34 for and 59 against, an amendment which in effect was to provide more weeks of unemployment compensation eligibility in states where joblessness is most entrenched.

The measure dealt with federal supplemental benefits those the jobless receive after exhausting their normal allotment of state and federal benefits.

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weeks of supplemental unemployment benefits to states having the worst unemployment.

Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

JOB — By a vote of 60 for and 44 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to add \$364 million to the \$6.4 billion earmarked for job training in the fiscal 1984 appropriations bill for the departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Backers said most of the extra funding would go to programs aimed at those individuals.

The bill was approved by the Senate, 53-47, and sent to conference with the House.

Howard Baker, R-Tenn., who voted to kill the amendment, said it was his "responsibility and duty to try to support the committee system," a reference to the Appropriations Committee's opposition to the amendment.

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It was offered to S 1187, a companion to HR 3929 (above). The bill was sent to conference with the House.

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leisure time for the unemployed.

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