

House blocks Congressional Record revision

Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll-call votes during the opening days of the 1984 session.

Not voting: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

SPENDING: The House adopted, 233 for and 142 against, an amendment to cut from \$500 million to \$200 million the annual spending level of a federal program that pays the cost of insulating the homes of poor people.

The vote occurred during debate on the Weatherization and Employment Act of 1983 (see next vote). It was the first 1984 test of strength between the social-spending agenda of the House Democratic leadership and GOP-led efforts to hold down the domestic budget.

Rep. James Broyhill, R-N.C., who supported the cut, called the bill "a good example of the out-of-control spending proposals which the nation just cannot afford."

Opponent Richard Ottinger, D-N.Y., said it was wrong to pay for the Administration's defense build-up and corporate tax cuts "by taking it out on the poor people who (Republicans) would rather have freeze to death rather than government funds devoted to them."

Members voting yes wanted to cut fiscal 1983 outlays for weatherizing the homes of the poor.

Voting yes: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no: Dennis Hertel, D-Detroit, William Ford, D-Taylor.

WEATHER: By a vote of 222 for and 157 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 2815) to extend the Department of Energy program that improves the heating and cooling efficiency of the homes of poor people.

The money is channeled through state energy offices to the neighborhood level. Recipients can get up to \$2,000 worth of improvements such as better insulation and upgraded furnaces. Sponsors said the program creates thousands of jobs. It would cost \$200 million in fiscal 1985 and more than \$20 billion over its ten-year life.

Supporter Howard Wolpe, D-Mich., called it "probably the most cost-effective energy program in the entire federal budget" because every \$10 spent on weatherization displaces a barrel of

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imported oil.

Opponent Carlos Moorhead, R-Calif., said "this bill can only result in inflationary budget deficits, high interest rates and a hamstringing economy."

Members voting yes supported the weatherization program.

Voting yes: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Broomfield.

Not voting: Pursell.

ACCURACY: By a vote of 213 for and 144 against, the House tabled (killed) a resolution calling for a Rules Committee investigation into the accuracy of the Congressional Record. The Record, the daily journal of Con-

gress, is thought by many outsiders to provide verbatim accounts of all that is spoken on the House and Senate floors. However, prior to publication, members can request transcripts of their remarks and change or delete what they actually said.

While a member's editing usually is done to spare him political embarrassment or make him appear more artic-

late, the practice occasionally distorts legislative history as perceived by judges, historians and other researchers.

There was no debate prior to this vote. Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., the sponsor, also is a plaintiff in a new lawsuit seeking court action to make the Record more accurate.

Members voting yes were opposed to a Rules Committee effort to improve the accuracy of the Congressional Record.

Voting yes: Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Broomfield.

Not voting: Pursell, SENATE

PAY RAISE: By a vote of 66 for and 19 against, the Senate passed and sent to the House a bill (SB 2211) repealing the 3.5-percent cost-of-living hike in the pay of members of Congress. The raise, which took effect Jan. 1, increased members pay from \$69,800 to \$72,243.

Senators voting yes wanted to repeal the pay raise.

Carl Levin, D, voted yes. Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

Lincoln club to hear Viguerie

Richard A. Viguerie, conservative publisher who has become critical of President Ronald Reagan, will be featured speaker at the 95th annual banquet of the Oakland County Lincoln Republican Club Friday evening.

A reception will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 in Roma's of Bloomfield, 2101 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Township, according to club spokeswoman Yvonne Stroh.

Viguerie (pronounced Vig-o-ree) is publisher of Conservative Digest and author of the new book "The Establishment vs. The People — Is a New Populist Revolt on the Way?"

In a Washington Post article last year, Viguerie charged, "As far as the man he defeated and replaced, Reagan has turned his back on most of the populist ideals he espoused," adding that the Washington Establishment has "co-opted" Reagan.

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