

Broomfield is lone local House member to back school prayer

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes July 26 through Aug. 1.

HOUSE

PRAYER — The House rejected, 194 for and 215 against, an education bill amendment denying federal money to any state or public school that prohibits spoken prayer in the classroom. The bill (HR 11) later was sent to the Senate.

After losing on this vote, pro-school prayer lawmakers secured adoption of a largely symbolic amendment permitting silent prayer in public schools.

Supporter Bob McEwen, R-Ohio, said House members must "uphold the traditional values of faith, of work and of family."

Opponent Dan Glickman, D-Kans., said that under the Constitution "what should not happen in public schools is organized religion and prayer."

Members voting yes wanted to return spoken prayer to the classroom.

Voting yes: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods; William B. Ford, D-Taylor; and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

CUT — By a vote of 184 for and 238 against, the House rejected an amendment allocating a 1 percent cut in the board cut in a bill (HR 6040) providing \$5.4 billion in supplemental appropriations this fiscal year for a variety of programs.

The bill drew attention because, in an election year, it contained about \$1 billion for lawmakers' pet projects in scores of congressional districts. It was sent to the Senate, where it was expected to pick up still more hometown largesse.

Sponsor Robert Walker, R-Pa., said lawmakers who preach fiscal restraint should view the amendment as "a way of speaking to the deficit."

No member spoke against the amendment.

Members voting no were opposed to cutting about \$540 million from the supplemental appropriations bill.

Voting yes: Pursell.

Voting no: Hertel, Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

HANSEN — By a vote of 354 for and 52 against, the House officially reprimanded Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, for his failure to disclose certain personal financial information as required by the 1978 Ethics in Government Act.

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The reprimand was the mildest penalty he could have received from his colleagues. It resulted from Hansen's failure to publicly report financial dealings by his wife that benefitted him personally. Suppressing the information also caused Hansen to be indicted and convicted on felony charges in federal court.

Hansen, the fifth member of Congress to be reprimanded, remains in office and is seeking reelection.

Supporter Floyd Spence, R-S.C., said the reprimand was necessary to protect "the integrity of our system of government."

Hansen told his colleagues: "I am no different than a lot of you. All I am is the precedent for some of you, and if I were you, I would be very, very careful about how you vote today."

Members voting yes wanted to reprimand Hansen. Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

BURFORD — The House approved, 363 for and 51 against, a non-binding resolution urging President Reagan to withdraw his nomination of Anne M. Burford as chairwoman of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and the Atmosphere. Burford later withdrew on her own. Last year, she was forced to resign as Environmental Protection Agency administrator in the face of charges by some lawmakers that she had mismanaged the toxic waste program and put cynicism ahead of environmental concerns.

Members voting no wanted Burford to assume the environmental leadership post.

Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

SENATE

ELECTRICITY — By a vote of 60 for and 28 against, the Senate silenced a filibuster by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, aimed at blocking passage of a bill to continue the sale of Hoover

Dam electricity at very low rates to utilities in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada.

The Senate later passed the bill (S 248) and sent it to President Reagan. The bill extends for 10 years a contract under which consumers of Hoover Dam power pay about one-tenth the market rate for their electricity. Critics say this will cost the treasury \$15.5 billion during the first ten years and billions more after that.

Supporter Pete Wilson, R-Calif., said the Hoover Dam "has been a self-liquidating facility from the standpoint of federal taxpayers."

Metzenbaum said the taxpayers' subsidy of Hoover electricity "is a giveaway. It is a throwaway. It is illogical. It is absurd."

Senators voting yes wanted to end the filibuster and pass the bill.

Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted no.

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State Republicans to pick delegates

Republicans who were elected precinct delegates will gather next week to choose delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention Sept. 7 and 8 in Cobo Hall, Detroit.

During the state convention, the party will nominate candidates for Supreme Court, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Wayne State Board of Governors and presidential electors.

IN OAKLAND County, conventions will be held Wednesday, Aug. 15. The meetings will start between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The places:

• Oakland County 6th Congressional District — Waterford Board of Education Offices, Kiva Room, 6020 Pontiac Lake, Waterford.

• 17th Congressional District (Oakland and Wayne Counties) — Divine Providence Lithuanian Church, Nine Mile, Southfield.

• 18th Congressional District (Oakland County) — Community Auditorium and Committee Room A, Court House Tower, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

THE NUMBER of delegates apportioned for the 18th Congressional District is 147.

By communities, the breakdown is: Commerce, 6; West Bloomfield, 14; Orchard Lake, 1; Walled Lake, 1; Wilkorn, 1; Keego Harbor/Sylvan Lake, 1; Lyon, 1; Milford, 3; Northville, 1; South Lyon, 1; Novi Township/city, 6; Addison, 1; Oakland, 3; Orion, 6; Avon, 14; Rochester, 2; Troy, 16; Bloomfield Township, 22; Pontiac Township, 2; Birmingham, 10; Bloomfield Hills, 2; Southfield Township, 5; Farmington, 5; Farmington Hills, 18.

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