

# House extends Great Society fishing program

Here's how members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes March 13-20.

## HOUSE

**FISH** — By a vote of 288 for an 133 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to extend a Great Society-vintage commercial and sport fishery program that President Reagan wants to terminate.

The bill (HR 1023) extends the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act for three years, through fiscal 1988, at a cost of \$7.5 million annually. Rep. Walter Jones, D-N.C., said "these are fish that migrate from the ocean to fresh water to spawn," such as salmon, striped bass and steelhead.

Enacted in 1965, the law pays at least half the cost of a variety of federal-state programs aimed chiefly at increasing the stocks of spawning fish.

Supporter Norman Lent, R-N.Y., said that in opposing the program the Ad-

ministration "disregards the many benefits that anadromous fishery resources provide to the nation through the activities of the country's sport and commercial fishermen."

Opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said: "We keep overspending and overspending and overspending (and) it all adds up to the spending that goes into the deficit that we are now faced with."

Members voting yes wanted to extend the life of the program aiding commercial and sport fishing interests.

Voting yes: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Not voting: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

**RESEARCH** — By a vote of 252 for and 149 against, the House failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill (HR 1028) to fund research at the nation's several dozen

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fisheries.

Sponsors said they will take the bill back to the floor under normal parliamentary procedures, which require only a simple majority for passage.

The bill seeks to repeal the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act, which the Administration has criticized as an unwarranted federal intrusion — and spending — in areas that are the responsibility of private enterprise and state governments.

In effect, it would repeal all of that

law except for research functions and a few other provisions. It proposes spending \$5 million annually on research and \$2.5 million in emergency aid to commercial fisheries hit by natural disasters.

Members voting yes wanted to enact a new research and disaster aid program for fisheries.

Voting yes: Hertel, William Ford, Levin.

Voting no: Broomfield, Not voting: Pursell.

## SENATE

**MX** — The Senate approved, 55 for and 45 against, an outlay of \$1.5 billion this fiscal year for production of 21 additional MX missiles.

This would raise to 42 the number of MXs in the nation's nuclear arsenal. President Reagan has requested 100 copies of the multi-warhead, 96-ton missile, which would form the new land leg of the Triad missile deployment scheme.

The MX is to be housed in existing, though reinforced, Minuteman silos. Critics and supporters disagree over whether those silos could withstand a Soviet first-strike and, therefore, on whether the MX would help to keep the peace or nudge the superpowers closer to a nuclear exchange.

This vote authorized the \$1.5 billion outlay. By an identical margin, with all senators voting the same way, the Senate later voted to release the money. The House then took up the issue.

Supporter Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said "If the Congress should withhold funding for the MX missile program, the Soviets would have less reason to negotiate a treaty" in behalf of arms control.

Opponent Carl Levin, D-Mich., said, "Congress should not be intimidated into building a militarily useless... destabilizing weapons system by unsubstantiated claims linking MX to the fate of arms talks."

Senators voting yes supported the MX.

Voting no: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle.

## Historical panel gets a reprieve

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

A last-minute plea by Stuart Rodgers of Franklin may have saved the life of the Oakland County Historical Commission.

"Give us the opportunity to resolve a couple of local problems which should never have come to the commission in the first place," Rodgers told a meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. "We have a nucleus of people willing to serve."

So the county board set aside its plan to repeal the Historical Commission ordinance. "Based on new information, I move we send it back to the general government and public services committees," said Commissioner John Calandro, R-Nov.

**OTHERWISE, THERE** was no discussion of the proposal by Commissioner John Olsen, R-Huntington Woods, to abolish the Historical Commission and no indication of why the county board was unhappy with it. Olsen was absent from Thursday's meeting.

"There is a real need for such a commission," said a letter to the board from Virginia DeBenham Rodgers, director of cultural affairs for the county.

But she acknowledged the Historical Commission suffered from "weaknesses" because it lacked a staff coordinator and worked under "a set of bylaws that remove strong members at the height of their efficiency to the organization." The ordinance limits board members to two terms of three years.

Members of the historical commission meet monthly and serve without pay. Their annual budget from the county is \$500.

A REPORT from Stuart Rodgers to the county board said that since 1980 the historical commission had, among other accomplishments:

• Sponsored two workshops for community historical commissions on identifying and saving architectural styles.

• Advised communities of requirements for recording historic sites.

• Established a quarterly newsletter for local historic committees.

• Prepared and distributed 10,000 copies of a pamphlet on county historic sites.

• Proposed preservation of at least one building at Clinton Valley Center, a state mental health institution.

• Assisted in restoring the "Lady Justice" statue which has been placed outside the county courthouse after being mothballed for years.

• Mapped major historic sites with a view to sponsoring future tours.

**THE COUNTY** board meets in the evening four times a year in order to make itself more accessible to the public. Other than Rodgers, no one except commissioners spoke.

And discussion of any issue was almost non-existent as commissioners raced through their lengthy agenda in a little over an hour. The only split votes occurred when Democrats offered two names of their own for a pair of boards.

On party line votes of 17-7, the county board picked John Nantias over Democratic nominee Louis B. Miller, a CPA from Farmington Hills, for the Building Authority; and Larry Grake over Frank O'Donnell, Ferndale resident and budget chief for Operation Focus: Hope, for the Community Mental Health board.

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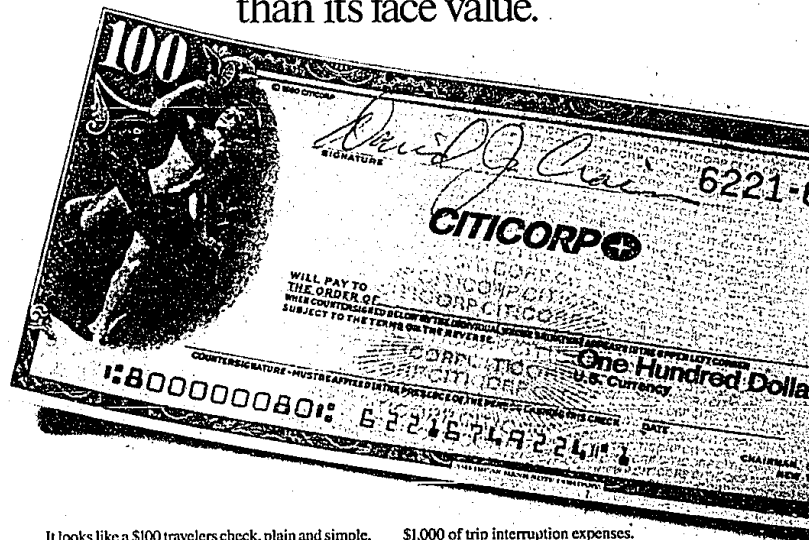
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