

Reagan gets GOP backing in 2 key MX missile votes

Here's how area members of the U.S. House of Representatives were recorded on major roll call votes March 22-27. There were no Senate votes during the period.

HOUSE

MX — By a vote of 219 for and 213 against, the House kept the MX missile alive by authorizing \$1.5 billion this fiscal year for its continued production. Later, the House gave final congressional approval of the outlay, handing President Reagan a major victory.

Congress now has funded 42 copies of the 96-ton, 10-warhead MX, which is to replace the Minuteman III as the nation's land-based missile.

Soon it will take up Reagan's request for \$4 billion in fiscal 1986 MX money, enough

rollcall report

to build 48 more missiles. Reagan ultimately wants 100 copies.

Supporter Henry Hyde, R-Ill., referred to the ongoing Soviet-U.S. arms talks in Geneva and said: "You gentlemen on the left may wish to have our negotiators walk around Geneva leading a French poodle on a leash. I prefer a Doberman pinscher, and a hungry Doberman pinscher. It's called incentive."

Opponent Les AuCoin, D-Ore., said the MX "is the Pearl Harbor of our missile fleet" because the Pentagon is unable to securely base it. "It is a dead, fat sitting

duck, vulnerable. It tells the Soviet high command, 'Here is my glass jaw. Come, hit it. Come, knock me out.'"

Members voting yes supported the MX missile. Voting yes: Republicans Carl Pursell of Plymouth and William Broomfield of Birmingham.

Voting no were Democrats Dennis Hertel of Detroit, William Ford of Taylor and Sander Levin of Southfield.

COMMITTEES — By a vote of 254 for and 158 against, the House approved a partial budget of \$48.01 million for its committees in calendar 1985. Later, it will take up a companion measure that will push total 1985 spending for the 25 committees well above \$30 million.

This measure (H Res 100) did not require Senate approval.

The \$48.01 million represents an increase of 4.45 percent over comparable 1984 expenditures, including a 3.5 percent hike to cover a pay raise for committee staffers. Most committee spending is for staff salaries, with travel and communications also claiming large outlays.

Supporter Joseph Gaydos, D-Pa., said the budget measure is "fiscally responsible and fair and equitable" and that the House "through its committee system will be able to effectively and adequately discharge its constitutional obligations."

Opponent William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., said he was "addened" that House members were increasing spending on themselves while preparing cuts in programs for their constituents. He said this recalls the adage that "the king can do no wrong."

Members voting yes favored the committee funding resolution. Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield.

Budget freeze under way — Pursell

A resolution co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, may have started a freeze of the 1986 federal budget at 1985 levels.

In a bipartisan move, Pursell and Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., won 369-69 approval of an amendment to freeze National Aeronautics and Space Administration spending at the current level of \$7.5 billion, about \$300 million less than approved by a budget subcommittee.

"The crucial thing was to go after the

first bill out the chute and set a precedent for the entire budget," said the 2nd District congressman. "This is a loud and clear signal to all committees that if they exceed 1985 spending levels in their 1986 bills, they can expect a major, major fight on the House floor."

"This is the first step in a comprehensive effort to restrict the growth of federal spending and deficits," said Pursell, pointing to estimates that the federal deficit could grow to \$220 billion.

200 lbs. in week — a hefty record

HEALTH-FITNESS trivia, facts and recent reports:

- So you noted a few extra pounds when you recently stepped on the old bathroom scale? According to the "Guinness Book of World Records," the record for gaining weight was 200 pounds in seven days.

- According to the federal Food and Drug Administration, the average American consumes more than 13 pounds of salt each year.

- A recent study by the House Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care found that in the United States alone, quacks rake in \$10 billion each year for fraudulent drugs and medical treatments. Unfortunately, 60 percent of quack victims are elderly Americans.

- According to Dr. Albert Stunkard, an expert on obesity, more than 75 percent of dieters regain their lost weight within one year of ending their diets.

- When we think of a heart attack, we generally imagine someone having

a severe, crushing type of pain in the center of the chest, shortness of breath, weakness, or a cold sweat. However, researchers recently reported that a significant number of heart attack victims experience no symptoms at all or symptoms that are so mild that the affected individual does not feel seriously ill.

- Can "pumping iron" improve your heart-lung fitness? Although weightlifting promotes substantial increases in muscular strength, research has shown little (3 to 5 percent) or no increase in cardiovascular fitness — even with the new highly touted circuit weight training programs.

- For select heart patients, there is now an alternative to coronary bypass surgery, a relatively new medical technique call "balloon angioplasty." The inflated balloon remodels the heart artery's interior, compressing and spreading out the obstructing cholesterol deposits and other debris.

- Have you ever wondered which occupations are associated with the greatest longevity? Although I know of no scientific studies that have looked at this question, I would put my money on the conductors of major symphony orchestras who seem to live significantly longer than the average individual.

- The average cost of a heart transplant operation is \$100,000; an artificial heart operation, \$150,000. One nagging question remains: Who is going to pay for them?

Barry Franklin, Ph.D., of Farmington Hills, is co-director of cardiac rehabilitation at Sinai Hospital and on the health care faculty of two colleges.



Industry honors OU's Susskind

Tamar Y. Susskind of Oakland Community College has been named one of six national winners of the Chemical Manufacturers Association's "catalyst awards."

Susskind, who earned a bachelor of arts degree at the University of British Columbia and a master's degree at Oakland University, has been an OCC faculty member for 19 years. A resident of Rochester, she has served as chairman of the OCC curriculum committee, Auburn Hills Campus curriculum committee, Auburn Hills Campus Academic Senate Council, and the committee on chemistry in the two-year college. Last year she was recognized

as one of OCC's most outstanding instructors.

The catalyst award program, now in its 29th year, recognizes and awards outstanding teachers of chemistry and chemical engineering in the United States and Canada. Through the catalyst winners, CMA honors the teaching profession and strives to enhance public appreciation for quality chemical education.

Each national winner will receive a medal, citation and \$1,500.

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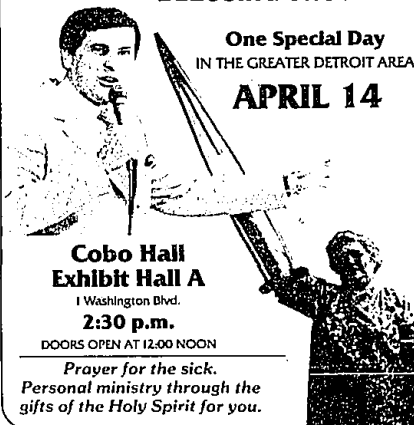
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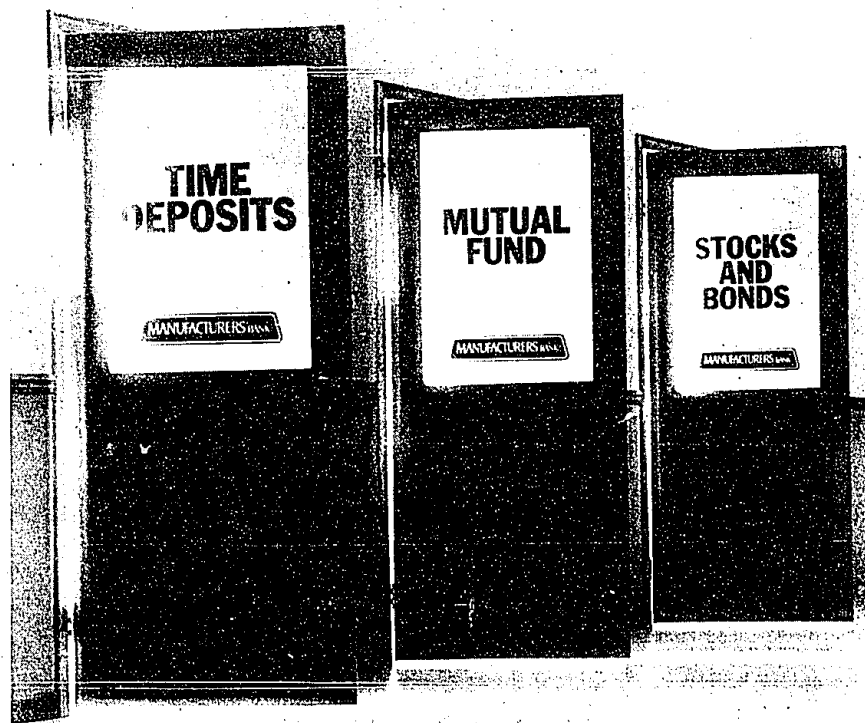
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