

# Reagan wins one vote, loses one

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes April 18-24.

## HOUSE

**CHILE** — The House rejected, 191 for and 208 against, a non-binding resolution (H. Con. Res. 59) urging the Reagan Administration to sever most official ties with Chile until the right-wing dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet gives way to democratic rule.

In part, the United States was to have ended joint naval maneuvers with Chile, cut off all economic aid except humanitarian assistance, continued to ban military aid, and continued voting against loans supplied by international institutions.

Supporter Tom Lantos, R-Calif., said: "Human rights happen to be indivisible. Human rights violations in Chile must be condemned. Human rights violations in the Soviet Union must be condemned."

Opponent Toby Roth, R-Wis., said: "If we wish to have an influence in the democratic evolution of Chile, it is only logical that we keep open our lines of communication and our lines of influence."

Members voting yes favored a U.S. policy of isolating Chile as long as it remains a totalitarian state. Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield. Voting no: William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**NICARAGUA** — By a vote of 213 for and 206 against, the House approved the Democratic plan for dealing with Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinista government and the American-backed Contras who are waging a guerrilla war against that regime.

In related votes, reported below, the House rejected Contra funding proposals put forth by President Reagan and House Republicans. The Senate approved Reagan's plan.

The voting sequence ended when the House rejected the basic legislative vehicle (H. Res. 239), thus killing Reagan's request for fiscal 1985 money to resume U.S. funding of the Contras. The issue will resurface later this year when Congress takes up Reagan's next request for aid to the Contras.

The Democratic plan emphasized non-military tactics, such as economic sanctions and regional diplomacy, as the primary means of persuading the Sandinistas to replace totalitarianism with democracy. However, it made clear that a lack of progress toward democracy would trigger an American-backed military response.

Some \$4 million was earmarked un-

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der this plan for the Contadora peace initiative being advocated by some of Nicaragua's neighbors, and \$10 million was to be funneled through international agencies to Nicaraguan refugees.

Members voting yes favored the Democratic plan for dealing with the Sandinistas and the Contras. Voting yes: Hertel, William Ford and Levin. Voting no: Pursell and Broomfield.

**REAGAN** — The House rejected, 180 for and 246 against, President Reagan's proposal that \$14 million be appropriated in fiscal 1985 aid to the Contras. The vote continued the ban Congress imposed last year on American financial support of the Contras' insurgency against Nicaragua's Sandinista regime.

Under Reagan's plan, the \$14 million was to have been spent for non-military purposes during a cooling-off period in which bilateral peace talks were to have been conducted. If the talks yielded no progress after 60 days, the money could have become military aid to the Contras.

Members voting yes supported the president's plan. Voting yes: Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Hertel, William Ford and Levin.

**REPUBLICAN** — By a vote of 213 for and 215 against, the House rejected a Contra funding proposal that House Republican Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill., offered in hopes of salvaging some form of fiscal 1985 aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

The GOP plan provided that the \$14 million be spent on non-military purposes under the direction of the U.S. Agency for International Development. It called for bi-lateral negotiations between the Contras and the Sandinistas, rather than the multi-lateral Contadora negotiations advocated by House Democratic leaders.

Members voting yes favored the Republican plan. Voting yes: Pursell and Broomfield.

Voting no: Hertel, William Ford and Levin.

## SENATE

**CONTRAS** — By a vote of 53 for and 46 against, the Senate adopted a resolution, advocated by President Reagan, to provide \$14 million in fiscal 1985 non-military aid to the Contra rebels

fighting to topple Nicaragua's Marxist Sandinista government.

The victory for President Reagan proved short-lived when the House lat-

er killed its version of the legislation. To attract support for this resolution (S. Res. 106), Reagan pledged to consider economic sanctions as an alternative to war against the Sandinista regime, and to resume direct U.S. talks with the Sandinistas aimed at achieving a cease-fire in the Contras insurgency.

Senators voting yes supported Reagan's plan for helping the Contras.

Voting no were Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle.

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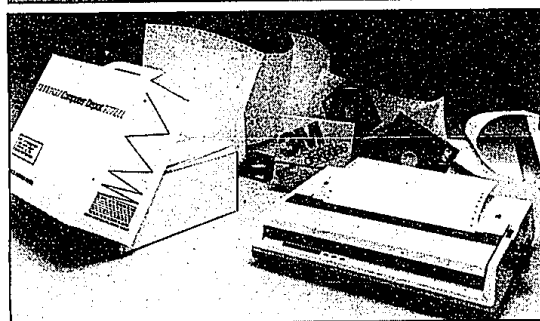
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