

# Senate vote dooms revenue sharing after '86

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes May 9-15.

## HOUSE

**RELIGIONS** — The House adopted, 224 for and 189 against, an amendment to prevent spending on a private program that trains Foreign Service officers in "religious sensitivity."

This killed the State Department's plan to spend \$50,000 in fiscal 1986 and 1987 to send diplomats to the New York City program, which is conducted by The Appeal to Conscience Foundation, for instruction in Hinduism, Judaism and Buddhism and other religions.

Foreign Service officers have been attending the program for several years. But government money has not been used to defray the foundation's operating costs.

Dan Burton, R-Ind., said "we do not need to spend taxpayers' money on this program," which he said involves an overlap of church and state.

Opponent Bill Green, R-N.Y., said the expenditure would help U.S. diplomats serve more effectively in the Middle East and other areas where disputes frequently stem from religious differences.

Members voting yes wanted to block the expenditure. Voting yes: Carl Purcell, R-Plymouth; Dennis Irtel, D-

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Harper Woods; William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: William Ford, D-Taylor; Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

## SENATE

**REVENUE SHARING** — The Senate rejected, 43 for and 54 against, an amendment to preserve the general revenue sharing program that channels federal payments to thousands of state and local governments.

The vote, which occurred during debate on the budget resolution, signals the end of the program after 1986. The Reagan Administration wants to terminate revenue sharing on grounds that the U.S. Treasury has no surplus to share.

Robert Kasten, R-Wis., who voted to keep the program, said eliminating revenue sharing "would immediately result in huge increases in property taxes and sharp cuts in basic public services."

Opponent Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., said "Revenue sharing goes to some of the wealthiest communities in America," citing cities such as Palm Beach, Fla., Beverly Hills, Calif., and Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Senators voting yes wanted to preserve general revenue sharing.

Voting yes: Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, Michigan Democrats.

**BUDGET** — By a vote of 50 for and 49 against, the Senate approved a three-year master plan (S Con Res 32) for the federal budget that would cut the deficit by \$50 billion or more in fiscal 1986 and by some \$300 billion during fiscal 1986-87.

All savings are to be accomplished by spending cuts rather than tax increases. Later this year, Congress will take up individual bills to implement the far-reaching budget blueprint. The plan:

- Eliminates 13 programs, including the Trade Adjustment Assistance and Urban Development Action Grants.

- Inflicts deep cuts in such popular programs as farm subsidies, Medicare, Amtrak, Export-Import Bank direct loans and the Small Business Administration.

- Eliminates 1986 cost-of-living hikes for Social Security recipients and federal military and civilian pensioners.

- Provides for "zero growth" in defense spending except for hikes to reflect the inflation rate.

Those constraints were accepted by President Reagan, who made a campaign pledge never to cut Social Security, and who had sought a 6 percent after-inflation hike in defense outlays.

Supporter Robert Dole, R-Kans., called the budget blueprint "a very, very good mixture of what is substantively right and politically realistic."

Opponent Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., criticized the budget for "cutting back on critical responsibilities of government such as education, child nutrition, transportation and economic development programs."

Senators voting yes favored the budget plan.

Voting no: Levin and Riegle.

**TAX** — By a vote of 61 for and 37 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to the budget resolution (above) to establish a minimum corporate tax of 15 percent on earnings over \$50,000.

Robert Packwood, R-Ore., who voted to kill the measure, said any action by the full Senate on such a proposal should be delayed until the Finance Committee looks into the issue later this year.

Voting no: Levin and Riegle.

## Comerica would sell 3 banks for merger

Comerica Inc., Detroit-based financial holding company, has reached preliminary agreements with buyers for banks that it will divest if it consummates its acquisition of Michigan National Corp.

Comerica would sell its banks in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo to Old Kent Financial Corp. for \$28 million in a cash transaction.

IN JACKSON, Comerica has reached preliminary agreements with two different organizations on alternative transactions.

Comerica has said that it would prefer to retain its current Jackson bank and sell the Michigan National affiliate that it would acquire in the merger. In that alternative, Comerica has reached preliminary agreement to sell, for \$2.5 million in cash, Michigan Bank Midwest and three branches of Michigan Bank-Mid South to Citizens Trust of Ann Arbor, which intends to form a new holding company.

The other alternative is that, if directed by the Federal Reserve to divest its Jackson bank, Comerica would also sell that subsidiary to Old Kent for cash. The combined value of the Jackson, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo transactions would be \$51 million.

lional," said Eugene A. Miller, Comerica's president.

Comerica Bank-Battle Creek operates 11 offices and had assets of \$154 million at year-end 1984. It was acquired by Comerica in 1981.

Comerica Bank-Kalamazoo operates 14 offices and has assets of \$225 million. Formerly Industrial State Bank & Trust, it was acquired in 1980.

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