## Amtrak funding survives House

.Ercs now area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Sept. 5-11.

HOUSE

AMTRAK — By a vote of 173 for and 245 against, the House rejected an amendment to cut the fiscal 1986 appropriation for Amtrak by 3.7 percent, from §603.5 million to \$881.4 million. This was the first test of whether the House is serious about obeying the 1986 budget resolution it approved on Aug.

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The resolution set a target of \$55.5 billion in 1986 deficit reductions, including a 15 percent cut in spending for Amtrax, the rail passenger agency.

When coupled with reductions made in committee, this ameadment would have deepened the Amtrak cut to the 15-percent target level.

The vote occurred during debate on the 1986 Department of Transportation appropriations bill (HR 3244), which was headed for passage and the Senate. Supporter Dan Coats, R.Ind., said members should support the amendment because "we declared victory on the budget — we went bome and told our constituents that we have enacted meaningful budget reductions."

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meaningful burget cooking. D-Fia., Opponent William Lehman, D-Fia., said: "I want Amtrak to survive. It has aiready taken its fair share of couts." Members voling yes favored the 3.7 percent cut in Amtrak spending. Voting yes: William Broomfield, R-Birming-

WESTWAY — The House passed, 287 for and 132 against, an amendment to deter money in HR 3244 (above) that was earmarked for the Westway federal bighway project in New York City. Estimates are that the 4.2-mile highway on the west side of Manhattan

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would cost between \$2.3 billion and \$6 billion. Federal court decidons have made it virtually impossible for work to begin any time in the foreseeable future, if ever.

This amendment prohibited federal funding of the Hudson Rilver landfill that would be built to hold the highway. Supporter Ted Welss, D-N.Y., in whose district the road would be built, called the Westway "a real estate boondegile ... posing as a highway project."

Calling Westway "a sound investment of the federal dollar," Mario Biaggl, D-N.Y., who opposed the amendment, said "the construction industry will be working on that Westway for some 10 years."

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SOUTH AFAICA — By a vote of 57 for and 41 against, the Senate fell short of the three-fifths majority needed to silence a fillubster in behalf of President Reagan's South Africa policy. Senators voting yes preferred congressional sanctions against South Africa to the softer executive sanctions. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle both voted yes.

The talkathon blocked likely Senate passage of legislation (IRI 1460) that would impose economic sanctions against South Africa that are slightly tougher than those Reagan has ordered by executive decree.

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Both the congressional and presidential sanctions ban most new bank loans to the South African government and prohibit the export of U.S. computer technology to agencies that operate the apartheid system.

Alan Cranston, D-Calli, who voted to elience the fillbuster, said Reagan's executive order was tainted by "the sweeping endorsement of (il) by Jerry Falwell, an apologist for the racist South African regime.

David Durenberger, R-Minn, said the president "has taken a very discussional to president the said the president "has taken a very the it committed to changing the internal policy of the South African government."

SCHOOL PRAYER — By a vote of 62 for and 36 against, the Senate tabled (killed) a bill to strip the U.S. Supreme Court of its authority to outlaw organized prayer in public schools.

The legislation (S 47) sought to give state and local officials the final word on school prayer. Senators voting yes were opposed to Helms' school prayer bill. Levin and Riegle both voted yes.

Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz, who voted o kill the measure, said the bill would outlaw the Supreme Court" and that the would be "ashamed" to have auhored such legislation.

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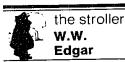


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## Feuding in a cow pasture

EVERY YEAR when the football season gets under way, it has been customary to take a trip down
Memory Lane to recall one of the most bitter and
feroclous games every played.

It wasn't a feature game in a stadium. It wasn't
played in a ball park. It was played in what we
called the creek field back home in the Pennaylvalabuch country.

It was a rather odd display as we had to wait
until the cows were through grazing before we
could paint lines on the field and clear sufficient
ground for the spectators.

THE GAME CAME about when a feud broke out
in our high school. It just so happened that none of
the fellows who could not complete the four-year
curriculum was invited to try out for the school
varsity. Only the offspring of the well-to-do were
asked, and there were bitter feelings among the
dropouts.

asked, and there were batter treating shaded dropouts.
Right then, we fellows who were facing rather hard times at home and felt we couldn't finish the term decided we would have our own team.
To gain some sort of recognition, we called ourselves the Boy Scouts, and we practiced under the arc light on the edge of town where traffic wasn't heavy.

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Once we got organized, we challenged the high school team for a game on Thanksgiving Day. In fact, we dared them to play us. The challenge was accepted, but it caused a bit of debate all around town. We Scouts were looked upon as a band of traitors who would dare to upset the official school. Even the teachers preached about it in the morning classes.

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FNALLY CAME Thanhsgiving Day morning. The creek field was cleared. The goal posts were put in place, and the lines were set to guide the spectators.

From the opening kickoff, every play drew means or cheers from the crowd, and there were nuite a few parents on hand to cheer their boys.

Over night, it had rained a bit, and the field was soggs. But the game went on without a score during the first half. We were a sorry looking sight, all towered with mud—at least we thought it was nud.

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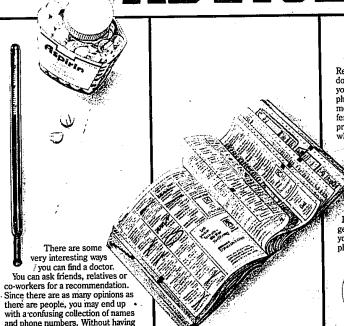
There were shouts to score. No one wanted a tie ame or one without any socring.

THE BREAK came with only a few minutes to lay, Our Scouts recovered a fumble deep in the theol's end of the fited. It was the sort of break we ad been waiting for.

There was a quick huddle, and it was decided tat we would fake a drop kick fited goal. In the thancurering, our fullback dropped back as if to kik.

thaneuvering, our fullback dropped back as it to bit he "tich boys" team lined up to spoll a field gil attempt, our fullback, a lad named Toon Harid, wrapped his arms around the ball, bowed his bid and crashed through the line for a toochdown. We missed the extra point, but our "poor fellows" with the game, 6-0. It was a game between rivals played in a cow pasture after the field had been cleared. I resulted in one final rule: The school team no longer was allowed to take on an independent team, wither the boys had ever good to the school or not.





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