

Roll Call Report

House rejects ban on Chilean torture ship

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll-call votes in the week ending June 27.

**HOUSE**  
**CHILEAN SHIP** — By a vote of 194 for and 223 against, the House rejected a resolution (H. Res. 391) urging that the tall ship Esmeralda, formerly used as a torture chamber by the regime of Chilean strongman Augusto Pinochet, be excluded from the Fourth of July Statue of Liberty centennial gala in New York harbor.

Sponsor Mike Barnes, D-Md., said that after Pinochet took power in 1973 "scores of naked men and women were subjected to electric shock and mock execution, and were beaten and sexually abused" aboard the vessel. Pinochet remains in power. Opponent Robert Lagomarsino, R-Calif., said "passing this resolution will do nothing to advance the cause of democracy in Chile or to resolve the longstanding human rights questions left unanswered by the Pinochet regime." Members voting yes wanted the Chilean vessel Esmeralda banned from America's Independence Day celebration in New York harbor. Voting yes: Dennis Hirtel, D-Harper Woods, Sander Levin, D-Southfield; Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

**U.S. ADVISERS** — By a vote of 215 for and 212 against, the House adopted an amendment to the \$100 million contra aid package (below) aimed at keeping American military personnel from being drawn into the Nicaraguan civil war.

The amendment prohibited U.S. military advisers to the contras from venturing within 20 miles of Nicaragua. Supporters said they feared a parallel between America's growing involvement in Nicaragua and its gradual entry into the Vietnam War, while opponents called that an unfounded fear and said the amendment could impair the effectiveness of the contra forces.

Members voting yes wanted to keep American military advisers in Costa Rica and Honduras at least 20 miles away from Nicaragua. Voting yes: Pursell, Hirtel, William Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

Voting no: Broomfield.

**CONTRA AID** — The House voted, 221 for and 209 against, to send \$100 million in military and non-lethal aid to the U.S.-sponsored rebels fighting to undermine Nicaragua's Sandinista regime.

A major victory for President Reagan, this reversed a House vote in March to block Administration's aid request for the U.S. surrogate troops known as contras. The military appropriations bill containing the money (HR 6052) which later was sent to the Senate, also lifts a ban on covert U.S. intelligence activity against Nicaragua's Marxist government.

Supporter Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., said that denying the aid would "increase the risk this nation would face from a Soviet-Cuban base in Central America." Opponent David Obey, D-Wis., said American public opinion solidly opposes the contras, who "are probably more effective in running drugs than they are in fighting battles."

Members voting yes wanted to support the contras. Voting yes: Pursell, Hirtel, William Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

Voting no: Hirtel, William Ford, Levin.

**SENATE**  
**THE MANION NOMINATION** — By a vote of 48 for and 46 against, the Senate tentatively approved President Reagan's nomination of South Bend, Ind., lawyer Daniel A. Manion to sit on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

This signaled that the Senate's final confirmation vote, scheduled for mid-July, will clear Manion for the judicial post.

Voting no were Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegler. Dozens of law school deans, among other critics, say Manion typifies too many of Reagan's judicial nominees in that he is "ideologically pure" but lacks the legal competence and stature a federal judge should possess.

But Reagan and other supporters of the arch-conservative nominee say Manion's foes are liberals who object on political rather than legal grounds.

Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., opposes the nomination but voted for Manion in a parliamentary move that blocked a final confirmation vote.

All other senators voting yes support Manion for the appeals judgeship.

**TAX AMNESTY** — The Senate rejected, 40 for and 43 against, an amendment to exempt from criminal prosecution persons who volunteer to the IRS that they are tax delinquents.

Michigan's Levin and Riegler voted no.

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