

## Roll Call Report

## House hikes committee costs 9 percent

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes during the week ending March 20.

## HOUSE

**COMMITTEE BUDGETS** — By a vote of 289 for and 117 against, the House authorized a \$47.9 million budget (H Res 108) for some of its committee operations in 1987. This is an increase of nearly \$4 million, or 9 percent, over the same authorization for 1986.

The \$47.9 million will finance about half of the cost of the 27 House committees this year. This "investigations and studies" budget covers travel, consultants, investigations and miscellany, as well as salaries

for nearly half of the approximately 2,000 committee employees.

Supporter William Thomas, R-Calif., said the House has done "a remarkable job of trying to hold the line" in 1987 committee spending.

Opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said it will take "about 1,300 American working families paying every dime in taxes" to raise the \$4 million in additional committee spending.

Members voting yes wanted to spend 9 percent more this year on certain House committee operations. Voting yes: Dennis Hargett, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

## OCC spring signup set

Early walk-in registration for the spring semester at Oakland Community College will be held March 31 to April 10.

OCC students may register 9-11 a.m. weekday mornings. Afternoon and evening registration will be 1-7 p.m. on March 31 to April 2 and April 6-9. Afternoon registration will be 1-4 p.m. on two Fridays, April 3 and 10.

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**COMMITTEE FREEZE** — The House rejected, 127 for and 268 against, an attempt to freeze the 1987 authorization for certain committee operations at the 1986 level of \$44 million.

This occurred as the House debated a measure (H Res 108, above) setting its committee "investigations and expenditures" budget at nearly \$48 million, up 9 percent over 1986.

The vote was on a motion to send the budget back to the Administration Committee for trimming.

Freeze supporter Joel Hotley, R-Colo., said it was wrong for the House to increase its committee spending by more than twice the rate of inflation.

Opponent Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., said the resolution "strikes the proper balance" between fiscal restraint and meeting committee needs.

Members voting yes favored a committee spending freeze. Voting yes: Pursell.

Voting no: Hargett, Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

**65 MPH SPEED LIMIT** — The House voted 217 for and 208 against,

to enable states to raise the speed limit on rural interstates from 55 mph to 65 mph.

The resolution (H Con Res 77) was sent to the Senate. Although it potentially could legalize 85 mph driving on three-fourths of the 42,500-mile interstate system, its impact is uncertain because many states would retain the 55 mph limit.

Supporter Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, called the 55 mph mandate "an unnecessary and unreasonable intrusion into states' rights."

Opponent William Lehman, D-Fla., said backing the faster speed "is like casting a vote in favor of crashing one or two Boeing 747s every year."

Opponent Carl Pursell, R-Mich., said, "I voted no to help save lives on Michigan highways. I could have considered 65 if it was coupled with a mandatory national seatbelt law."

Members voting yes wanted states to be able to permit 85 mph driving. Voting yes: Broomfield.

Voting no: Pursell, Hargett, Ford, Levin.

## SENATE

**CONTRA AID** — The Senate re-

jected, 48 for and 52 against, an attempt to keep \$40 million in U.S. military aid from flowing to American-backed Contras in Nicaragua.

The vote killed a resolution (S Res 81) to disapprove the aid, which is the final payment of \$100 million that Congress appropriated last year.

It appeared to insure the release of the \$40 million, even though the Senate also was weighing a House-passed measure to block the payment by different means. The House would freeze the money until the Administration accounts for money al-

ready made available to the Contras. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., referred to the Contra policy and the Iran-Contra scandal and said American prestige "lies in the gutter because it is a gutter policy."

Pete Wilson, R-Calif., who voted to shake loose the aid, said communism must be checked in Central America because "I do not want American boys to go (there) to fight a war that they need not fight."

Sensators voting yes wanted to block the Contra aid.

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

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