

# House votes humanitarian aid to Nicaragua's contras

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending April 1.

**CONTRA AID** — The House approved, 345 for and 70 against, a \$47.9 million humanitarian aid package that will keep contra forces in the field during early stages of the truce between the American-backed rebel forces and the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

The measure (H.J. Res. 523) was approved by the Senate (below) and signed into law by President Reagan. It came days after 110 members of the Organization of American States voted to verify the 60-day ceasefire that launches the peace agreement and \$2.5 million for administrative costs.

The remaining \$35.4 million is to be split evenly between medical care for children injured in the Nicaraguan war and non-lethal aid for the contras.

Members voting yes supported the aid package. Voting no were Carl P. Drennan, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Brookfield, Woods, Sander Levin, D-Bloomfield, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no was William Ford, D-Taylor.

**REHIRE CONTROLLERS** — By a vote of 234 for and 180 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (H.R. 3396) requiring the government to rehire at least 1,000 of the 11,400 air traffic controllers

ired in 1981 by President Reagan.

The discharged Federal Aviation Administration workers had belonged to the now defunct Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO) and were striking in violation of federal law.

Voting no were Ford and Levin.

## SENATE

**CONTRA AID** — By a vote of 87 for and 7 against, the Senate approved the \$47.9 million contra aid package cleared earlier by the House (above). President Reagan then signed the measure.

Senators voting yes favored legislation. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

**NOTICE TO WORKERS** — By a vote of 47 for and 52 against, the Senate failed for the fourth time in a week to silence a filibuster against legislation requiring businesses to notify workers of exposure to toxic chemicals, radiation and other hazardous agents.

The vote occurred during debate on a bill (H.R. 3932) sent to the Senate, authorizing \$3.5 million in transition funds for incoming presidents and \$1 million for those leaving the White House.

At issue was whether private con-

tributors to transition costs are trying to buy influence.

Opponents said the bill "just plain unnecessarily duplicates a whole raft of programs already in existence in the federal government."

Senators voting yes supported the bill. Michigan's Levin and Riegle voted yes.

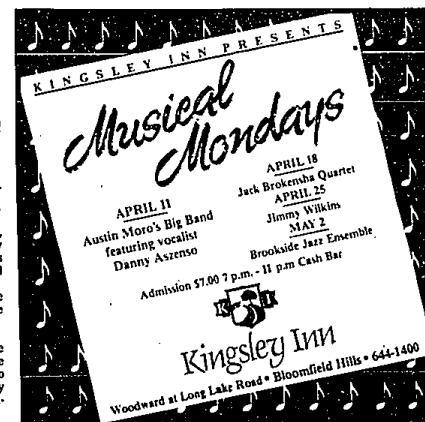
**URANIUM POLICY** — By a vote of 47 for and 45 against, the Senate tabled an amendment on whether to protect America's uranium industry and the Department of Energy's uranium enrichment program.

Senators voting yes favored the protectionist language. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

The vote occurred during debate on S. 2097, a bill that overhauls government programs affecting all stages of uranium use from mining to disposal. The bill later was sent to the House.

The vote preserved language to impose financial penalties on nuclear power utilities that depend too heavily on imported uranium to fuel their plants. The protection would help uranium mines in the West as well as government enrichment plants that have lost considerable business to foreign suppliers such as Canada.

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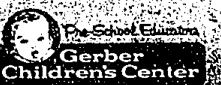
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