

House scales back milk price supports

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending July 29.

HOUSE

MILK SUPPORTS — By a vote of 217 for and 181 against, the House scaled back an increase in dairy price supports. It was contained in a multi-billion dollar drought relief bill for farmers and ranchers.

The vote substituted a temporary increase in milk supports in place of a long-term hike that had been proposed by the House Agriculture Committee over complaints it was a giveaway unrelated to the drought.

It means the bill now would raise the government floor under whole-sale milk prices by 50 cents per hundredweight for three months next spring, to offset higher feed costs

caused by the 1988 drought. That translates into a retail price hike of up to 1.5 percent for milk and related products, the Agriculture Department estimated.

By a lopsided vote, the House sent its drought bill (HR 5015) to conference with a Senate measure.

Members voting yes wanted to scale back a proposed price support increase for dairy farmers. Voting yes: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, Sander-Levin, D-Southfield, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, and William Ford, D-Taylor.

NATIONAL PARKS — By a vote of 248 for and 130 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill (HR 3994) to make the National Park Service more autonomous within the executive branch and more answerable to Congress.

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The bill provides for Senate confirmation and a five-year term for the director of the National Park Service, who now serves at the discretion of the White House. It attempts to insulate the service from what critics term excessive political interference by creating a semi-independent review board to help manage the U.S. park system.

Sponsor Bruce Vento, D-Minn., charged the Reagan Administration has politicized the National Park Service.

Opponent Robert Lagomarsino, R-Calif., challenged the constitutionality of the bill and called it "the worst kind of micromanagement" by Congress.

Members voting yes supported the bill. Voting yes: Democrats Hertel, Ford and Levin.

Voting no: Republican Pursell. Not voting: Republican Broomfield.

izing a land exchange between the federal government and the Barron Collier Co. of Naples, Fla.

The government would swap 111 acres in downtown Phoenix, Ariz., for 108,000 acres of Collier land in wild areas of southern Florida plus \$34.9 million from the company. Collier would be first in line to acquire 58 acres of the Phoenix site.

Sponsor Morris Udall, D-Ariz., said the bill insures "that the taxpayers receive full value" for the Phoenix property.

Opponent Sidney Yates, D-Ill., said that under the bill "the contractor (Collier) will benefit by as much as \$100 million more than he should."

Members voting yes supported the Florida-Arizona land swap. Voting yes: Pursell, Ford and Broomfield. Voting no: Hertel and Levin.

SENATE

LAND SWAP — By a vote of 281 for and 125 against, the House sent to the Senate a bill (HR 4519) author-

ABORTION — By a vote of 73 for and 19 against, the Senate adopted

an amendment to broaden Medicaid funding of abortions.

This would reverse a Capitol Hill trend in recent years of restricting federal support of abortions. It would Medicaid funding when pregnancy results from promptly reported rape or incest. Federal law now funds abortions only when the mother's life is endangered.

The amendment was attached to a fiscal 1989 multi-department appropriations bill (HR 4783) that was sent to conference with a House bill containing no similar language.

Senators voting yes wanted less restrictive federal funding of abortions.

Michigan Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted no.

TEEN PREGNANCY — By a vote of 48 for and 45 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment prohibiting federal funding of certain elementary and secondary classroom programs to prevent teenage pregnancies.

The amendment, offered to HR 4783 (see preceding vote), targeted programs such as those providing

students with contraceptives and advice on abortions.

Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., voted to table the amendment, he said, because it infringed on the authority of local school boards.

Sponsor Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said his amendment would stop "the so-called family planning movement's assault on the American classroom."

Senators voting yes wanted to kill the amendment. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

LEGAL SERVICES — The Senate rejected, 28 for and 66 against, an amendment to lower the fiscal 1989 Legal Services Corp. budget from \$308 million to \$250 million and transfer the saved \$58 million to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The vote occurred as the Senate passed a fiscal 1989 appropriations bill for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State and related agencies.

Senators voting yes wanted to transfer \$58 million from the Legal Services Corp. to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Levin and Riegle voted no.

OCC adds to course list

Classes in personal development and business have been added to the schedule of non-credit courses for the fall 1988 term at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College.

Additions include classes in "Professional Selling," "How to Start Your Own Business," "Child Care as a Career" and "Franchising Opportunities and Hazards."

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such as weaving, glamour photography and drawing also have been added to the schedule.

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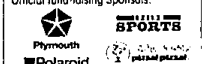
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