

# House nixes budget unity bill

WASHINGTON — Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending April 28. The Senate was not in session.

**BUDGET BATTLE:** By a vote of 172 for and 252 against, the House defeated an amendment sponsored by the Democratic leadership in hopes of getting Republicans, Democrats, conservatives, liberals and moderates to agree on budget priorities.

This occurred during debate on a bill (HR 2072) providing \$4.7 billion in supplemental appropriations for domestic programs in the remaining five months of fiscal 1989. It caused Democratic leaders to abruptly pull the bill from the floor.

The bill's pricetag is \$2.6 billion more than sought by the Bush administration, as a result of the Democratic-led Appropriations Committee adding money for housing, homeless, veterans, anti-drug and other domestic programs. At issue was how to cut the overall federal budget to make room for the additional spending.

The plan rejected by this vote called for across-the-board cuts af-

fecting most discretionary spending programs in the remainder of fiscal 1989 and totaling nearly \$2.6 billion. Because defense as well as social programs were seen as being impaired, conservatives and liberals joined to provide the wide margin of defeat.

Sponsor Tom Foley, D-Wash., the House majority leader, said the amendment offers members "the first opportunity we will have this year to indicate whether we are going to live within the budget restraints. . . ."

Objecting to defense cuts, Joseph McDade, R-Pa., called the measure "management by meat cleaver."

Members voting yes supported the Democratic leadership's budget plan. Voting yes were William Ford, D-Taylor and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Members voting no were Carl Parnell, R-Plymouth, Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods and William Broomfield, R-Lake Orion.

## Roll Call Report

**TO WAIVE BUDGET ACT:** The House agreed, 223 for and 193 against, to debate the supplemental appropriations bill (above) under a rule waiving the fiscal restraint of the Congressional Budget Act. This cleared the way for floor consideration for the measure (HR 2072).

The waiver was needed because the bill's \$4.7 billion pricetag exceeded legal spending limits Congress imposed on itself for 1989 under the budget act. The House and Senate often grant such waivers so they can spend more than they previously allowed themselves.

Supporter Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said the waiver would not increase the deficit because the bill's pay-as-you-go approach (see previous vote) was designed to honor fiscal 1989 spending limits.

Opponent Bob Michel, R-Ill., the minority leader, said the regular granting of budget waivers "explains in part why the deficit is still where it is."

Members voting yes wanted to exempt the supplemental appropriations bill from statutory spending limits. Voting yes were Republicans Parnell and Broomfield and Democrats Ford, Levin and Hertel.



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### New board at crisis center

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At an annual meeting in April, board members appointed were Janet Gumenick of Farmington Hills, Jeff Taback of Birmingham, Mary Kennedy of Farmington Hills, Kay White of Birmingham, Bill Kennis of Lake Orion and Roy Skaggs of Oxford.

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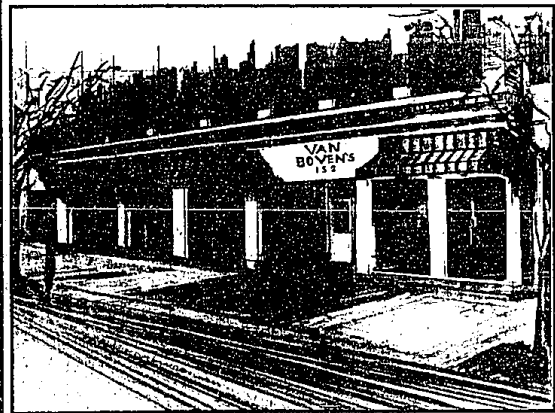
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