

Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending May 19.

1990 BUDGET — The House passed, 241 for and 185 against, the conference report on the document (H Con Res 105) giving Congress spending, revenue and deficit targets for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The Senate followed suit (below) and the 1990 budget (H Con Res 106) is now in effect.

The fiscal plan was developed by the Republican White House and Democratic Congress. It formalizes President Bush's pledge of no new taxes but projects \$5.3 billion in largely unspecified new revenue.

The plan assumes spending of \$1.17 trillion, revenue of \$1.07 trillion and a deficit within the Gramm-Rudman law's \$100 million target. All sides conceded it avoids tough fiscal decisions and that its goal of a \$100 million deficit is wishful thinking. Members looking for a bright spot said the agreement shows the president and Congress can work harmoniously toward fiscal goals.

Members voting yes supported the fiscal 1990 budget.

Michigan members voting yes were Carl Purrell, R-Plymouth, William Ford, D-Taylor and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Michigan members voting no were Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods and William Broomfield, D-Lake Orion.

SENATE:

JAPANESE PLANE DEAL — By a vote of 47 for and 52 against, the Senate refused to block an American-Japanese deal in which Japan will develop the FSX fighter plane for adding to its arsenal in the mid-1990s. This vote during debate on SJ Res 113 appeared to remove the major congressional obstacle to the deal.

Japan would finance a \$6.5 billion upgrade of General Dynamics F-16 aircraft to its specifications, paying at least \$2 billion of that sum into the U.S. economy. America would limit its transfer of aerospace knowhow and require Japan to protect any technological secrets it receives, among other conditions negotiated by the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Don Riegle, D-Mich., who voted to disapprove the deal, said "If we continue to ... give away the strategic strength of this country, we will reach a point of no return, and we are very close to that today."

Senators voting yes wanted to kill the FSX deal with Japan.

Michigan Democratic senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted yes.

FSX AMENDMENT — By a vote of 72 for and 27 against, the Senate amended SJ Res 113 (above) to place steeper conditions on the FSX warplane deal between America and Japan. The Administration said the measure intruded into its constitutional power to negotiate with foreign countries.

The legislation recommends that Japan award American companies at least 40 percent of the FSX production and maintenance work, and restricts technology transfers to the Japanese.

Supporter Alan Dixon, D-Ill., said this spelling out of conditions sends "a powerful message to Japan that we feel this is a terribly flawed (FSX) agreement."

Opponent Bob Dole, R-Kan., called the amendment "another way to kill the FSX deal."

Senators voting yes wanted to further restrict the Administration's FSX warplane deal with Japan.

Michigan Senators Levin and Riegle voted yes.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL — By a vote of 63 for and 37 against, the Senate sent to President Bush legislation (HR 2) raising the minimum wage for the first time since 1981 and beginning a subminimum or training wage for newcomers to the workforce.

The bill raises the federal wage floor from its present \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 by October 1991, and provides newcomers with a training wage of 85 percent of the minimum. Those first-time workers would get the full minimum after 60 days.

Senators voting yes wanted to increase the minimum wage to \$4.55 an hour.

Michigan Senators Levin and Riegle voted yes.

BUDGET PLAN — The Senate voted 63 for and 37 against to give final congressional approval of the \$1.17 trillion federal budget for fiscal 1990, a tentative guide for House and Senate spending, revenue and deficit decisions affecting the budget year beginning Oct. 1. Contents of the budget plan (H Con Res 106) are identical to those approved earlier in the week by the House (above).

The budget resolution also serves as an unofficial political document used by Congress and the White House to try to convince the public they are gaining control of the government's fiscal problems.

Senators voting yes supported the fiscal problems.

Michigan Senator Levin voted no. Riegle voted yes.

around Oakland

Young Dems host Berman

The Oakland County Young Democratic Club will host state Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Bloomfield Township Library.

The library is at Lone Pine Road and Telegraph. The group will meet in Room 3.

In addition, the club will host its monthly "After Business Hour" from 6-8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, at Carlos Murphy's, 29244 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

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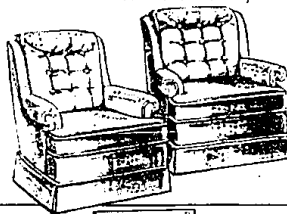
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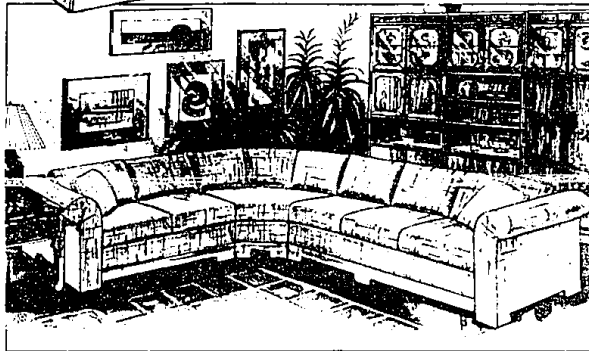
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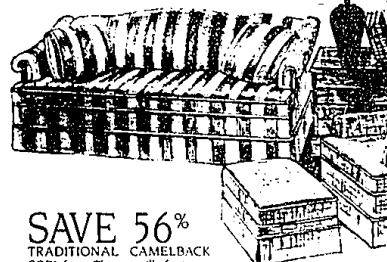


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