Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 13.

HOUSE:

ABORTION — The House adopted, 216 for and 208 against, an amendment to broaden federal abortion policy by permitting fieldigal funding of the medical procedure when the pregnancy results from report for the control of the control o

Those voting no were: Dennis Her-tel, D-Harper Woods; and William Broomfield, R-Lake Orion.

TO PROTECT THE FLAG TO PROTECT THE FLAG — By avoir of 371 for and 43 against, the House sent to President Bush a bill (FlR 2978) making it a federal crime to physically damage the American flag. Also due for congressional votes this year are proposals backed by conservatives to protect the flag by constitutional amendment. The legislative activity is in response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling this year that flag desceration is political expression protected by the Constitution.

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Supporter Don Edwards, D-Calif, said it is better "to protect the flag by a simple statute than to go through the mammoth and dangerous procedure of weakening for the first time in our history the free speech provisions of the Bill off Rights."

Opponent Bob Mitchel, R-III., said, "If you really want to protect the flag, if you really want to do something more than make a gesture, then given the court's decision you have to support our bipartisan constitutional amendment to save the flag."

Members voting yes were: Pursell, Hertel, William Ford, Levin and Broomfield, R-Lake Orion.

Common Ground gets Kresge grant

Common Ground, Oakland County's crisis intervention agency, has been awarded a \$50,000 challengrant from the Kresge Foundation toward its capital fund drive. The Kresge Foundation funds will assist in the purchase and renovation of Common Ground's building at 751 Hendrie Blvd. in Royal Oak. The grant is one of 140 grants awarded thus far by the Kresge Foundation in 1989.

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Shirley K. Schlafer of Bloomfield
Hills is the honorary chairwoman of
Common Ground's Capital Fund
Drive. The goal of the campaign is
\$492,000. To date \$300,000 has been

ralsed.

Kay White of Birmingham, chairwoman of Common Ground's board of directors, said, "We are very proud to be recipients of the Kresge Challenge grant. We also have been

pleased with the community support of our fund drive and anticipate that we will successfully reach our goal of \$492,000 by the dealine date of Dec. 31, 1990."

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Common Ground Is a 24-hour crisis intervention and multi-service agency. The agency offers a crisis counseling program, medical and legal clinics, a crime victim assistance program and prevention programs for children and teens. It was founded in 1970 and moved from Birming-ham to its new building in Royal Oak last January. In 1988, the agency served over 20,000 people from the tri-county area.

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The Kresge foundation is an inde-pendent foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. It is not affiliated with any corpora-

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FUNDING THE ARTS — By a vote of 87 for and 35 against, the Senate chose the less strict of two proposals before it for prohibiting federal funding of art judged by some to be morally offensive. The vote retained language preventing National Endowment for the Arts funding of works judged by the NEA chairman to be obscene and devoid of artistile merit. It killed stronger language shifting the decision on what is obscene from the NEA to an unspecified authority elsewhere in the federal government. The vote courred during debate on a fiscal 1990 appropriations bill (IR 2788). Date Bumpers, D-Ark, and, "Ever had a dictator, the first thing they want to do is control art. Hierature and the judicial system."
Jesse Helms, R-NC., who authored the stricter approach, urged support from colleagues who "agree that funding such disgusting materials with the taxpayers' money is outrageous."
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Michigan Senators Carl Levin and Donald Biegle voted yes.

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CATASTROPHIC CARE — By a vote of 28 for and 73 against, the Senate refused to repeal a 14-month-did law protecting Medicare participants against catastrophic doctor, nospital and prescription drug costs. The vote occurred during debate on on omnibus budget bill (HR 2399). It cleared the way for Senate approval of a scaled-back catastrophic plan that, in part, retains a ceiling on hospital costs but eliminates the 1988 law's protections against runaway doctor and drug costs.

The new Senate measure also climinates the home tax surcharge on Medicare beneficiaries designed to pay most of the costs of the 1988 law. It now must be reconcled with recent flouse action to repeal elected hast year with strong support from the House and Senate and the Reagan Administration.

Richard Shelby, D-Ala, said "Congress must admit, as I do, that we made a mistake and vote to repeal the act."

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"If we repeal, we are signaling to seniors all over this country that we do not have...the guts to face up to the problem" of catastrophic medi-cal costs.

Senators voting yes wanted to repeal the 1988 Catastrophic Cover-

age Act.

Both Michigan Senators Levin and

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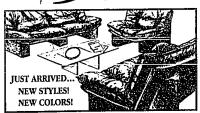
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