Roll Call Report

WASHINGTON — Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending April 20.

HOUSE:

PRICE-FIXING ISSUE — By a vote of 235 for and 157 against, the House sent to the Senate a bill help plaintliffs win lawsuits against vertical price-fixing, which occurs when manufacturers seek to enforce a minimum product price. The bill (HR 1236) eases Supreme Court-set standards of evidence that make it

easy for judges to dismiss such suits. It gives plaintiffs a better chance of advancing their case to a jury.

The bill is backed by discounters such as Burlington Coal Factory and K-Mart and opposed by business froups such as the Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers, according to floor debate.

debate.

Supporter Dan Glickman, D-Kan, urged colleagues to "vote for your constituents who can't afford to shop at full-price retailers."

Opponent Sonny Montgomery, D-

Miss., said the bill's defeat would "preserve the freedom of manufacturers . . . to determine how their products are marketed and service. The marketed and service the bill.

Local congressman voting yes were: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods; William Ford, D-Taylor; and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

Voting no were: Carl Pursoll, R-Birmingham.

SUBSTITUTE BILL - By a vote of 155 for and 242 against, the House rejected a substitue version of the bill (above) to combat vertical price-

lixing. The amendment sought to preserve exacting standards of evidence that plaintlifs, such as discounters subg manufacturers, must satisfy under 1984 and 1988 Supreme Court rulings. It also attempted to codify the 1911 court ruling that vertical price-fixing is lilegal. Sponsor Chuck Douglas, R-N.H. sald Congress should "not fool around with Supreme Court decisions" that have evolved over the decades.

Opponent Lawrence Smith, D-Fia. sald the amendment "would kill this sald the amendment "would kill this Members voling yes supported the substitute. The Ione local member doing so was Broomlield.

Voting no were: Pursell, Hertel, Ford and Levin.

STANDARDS OF EVIDENCE —
By a vote of 192 for and 204 against, the House rejected an amendment to HR 1236 dobwe) toughening the standards of evidence in verteal price-lising cases. This retained the bill's objective of making it easier or plaintiffs to avoid dismissal by a judge, and gain a jury trial, of their suits accusing manufacturers and distributors of conspiring against them because of their low prices. Supporters said the amendment would protect manufacturers who cut off discount dealers for reasons other than pricing policies. Foe said anti-trust policy is best served when

PERMANENT MAKEUP

vertical price-fixing cases are decid-

of evidence.
Yes votes were east by: Pursell and Broomfield. d Broomiteid. Voting no were: Hertel, Ford and

TARIFF ISUE By a vote of 90 for and 3 against, the Senate agreed to allow the president to suspend tar-fifs on certain imports if the product is uncontroversial and Congress has gone at least one year without acting on a request for suspension.



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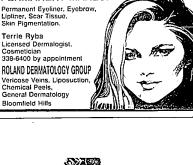
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