

Roll Call Report

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area senators were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending March 1. There were no closely contested House votes.

SENATE

To Fund Committees — By a vote of 72 for and 22 against, the Senate approved a two-year budget of \$113.9 million for its 19 standing committees, up \$7.2 million or 6 percent from the biennial budget adopted early in 1989 at the beginning of the 101st Congress. After \$4.3 million in carry over money from 1990 was counted, the cost of the legislature was about \$118.2 million. The measure (S Res 62) did not require House approval and took effect immediately.

The budget authorizes a 4.1 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) this year for the more than 1,200 committee staff members, and anticipates a similar staff pay raise next year. The present top salary for committee aides is \$39,125, although most are paid less. Also funded by the measure are foreign and domestic committee travel, hearing, consultants, public relations and general operations.

A yes vote was to approve the Senate committee budget covering two years beginning March 1991. Voting yes from Michigan were Carl Levin, Democrat, and Donald Riegle, Democrat.

To Curb Committee Spending — By a vote of 56 for and 40 against, the Senate tabled (killed) a bid to curb Senate committee spending and allocate the savings to Head Start programs for disadvantaged children. The amendment sought to pare about \$7.2 million from the \$118.2 million authorized for 19 Senate committees over the next two years, by slowing the growth of staff salaries and making it impossible for senators to enlarge committee domains with surplus funds carried over from 1989-90. The vote occurred during debate on S Res 62 (above).

Tabling supporter Wendell Ford, D-Ky., said Senate staff salaries "are 25 percent behind private enterprise now, and you wonder why we are losing good staffers."

Sponsor Hank Brown, R-Colo., said Congress has assembled "the largest staff of a deliberative body in the world," 20 times larger than that of the Parliament in Great Britain and nine times larger than the Canadian Parliament staff.

A yes vote opposed lower spending on Senate staffs.

Voting yes were Levin and Riegle.

Capping Senate Staff — By a vote of 55 for and 41 against, senators tabled (killed) an amendment to cap the number of Senate committee aides at the 1990 figure of 1,203. Any additions to committee staffs were to have been offset by reductions in those few panels having more than 1,203 staffers. The offset provision sought to put Senate staffing on the same pay-as-you-go basis that fed

year's deficit reduction summit set for most other federal programs.

Tabling supporter Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said the Senate needs additional staff to discharge its responsibility "to limit the total growth of government."

Sponsor John Chafee, R-R.I., said it was wrong for the Senate staff budget to be exempted from fiscal discipline applied to other parts of the federal budget.

A yes vote opposed capping the number of Senate staff members.

Voting yes were Levin and Riegle.

Ramsey Zawideh heads county chamber

The Oakland County Chamber of Commerce has elected officers and six new directors to serve on the board of directors.

The new chairman of the board is Ramsey Zawideh of the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Also elected as officers were Gerald Nasser of Cinnabar Telecommunications in West Bloomfield as chair-elect, Rodney Drigott of General Motors Service Parts Operations in Pontiac as treasurer and Phil Wojtowicz as secretary.

Other officers include vice chairman of governmental affairs Steve Stanley of Gaulker Storage in Pon-

tiae, vice chairman of marketing and promotion Ronald Davis of National Bank of Detroit in Drayton Plains, vice chairman membership services Mike Bonnell of Royal Maccabees Life-P.P.A. and vice chairman community services Richard Thompson of Oakland Community College in Bloomfield Hills.

Elected to two-year terms on the board are Pamela Marin of Oakland University in Rochester, Robert Larsen of Oakland Schools in Waterford, Kathleen Staran of RMS Associates of Bloomfield Hills, Kathleen Rousseau of Busi-

ness Directions in Rochester Hills, Kerry Davis of the Oakland Press in Pontiac and Adria Brown of Madison Executive Galleries in West Bloomfield.

OTHER MEMBERS of the 1991 Board of Directors are Ann Corwell of MECA International in Bloomfield Hills, Steven Fishman of the Fishman Group in Bloomfield Hills, David Galloway of Master Clean Equipment Company in Waterford, Richard Kownacki of Prostar Financial Group in Southfield, Alice Shotwell Gustafson of Hubert Distributors in Pontiac, Da-

vid McNabney of McNabney/Real Estate One Commercial in Bloomfield Hills, John Scott of Detroit Ball Bearing in Pontiac, Thomas Hugh of Consumers Power Company in Royal Oak, William Anderson of Dresbach Buick in Waterford, Also David Barthmuss of DMB & B Public Relations in Bloomfield Hills, Roy Barnes of Stone, August, Baker P/R in Troy, Robert Coats of Coats Funeral Home in Waterford, J. David Hathaway of Grand Trunk Western Rail Road in Detroit, Jim Helmrich of Michigan Bell Telephone in Pontiac and James Wright of Pontiac General Hospital.

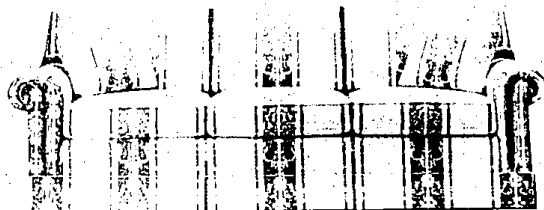
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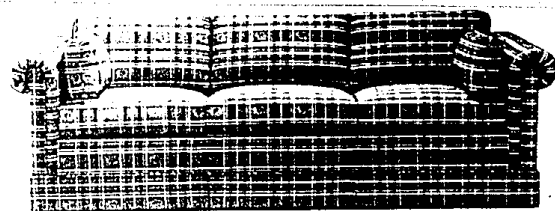
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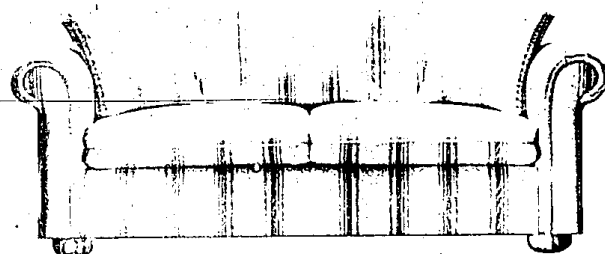
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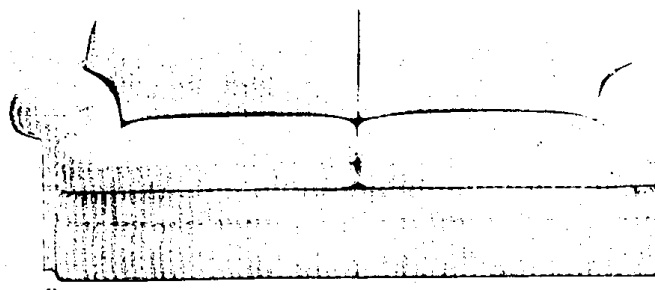
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