

ROLL CALL REPORT

Local reps hold party line on extending jobless aid

Here's how *Observer & Eccentric* area members of Congress voted on major roll call votes in the week ending June 12.

HOUSE

Yes to extending jobless benefits: By a vote of 261 for and 150 against, a bill (HR 5260) extends until early next year the law providing additional unemployment checks to those who have used up their initial 26 weeks or so of state-federal benefits. The bill also permanently changes the law to make it easier in future recessions for the long-term jobless to automatically receive additional checks.

To pay its estimated \$5.8 billion cost through 1997, the bill sharply increases unemployment taxes on employers, limits to \$1 million the

corporate deduction for an executive's salary and limits the personal exemption for wealthy taxpayers. The bill was touted by its Democratic authors as an economic lifeline but denounced as fiscally irresponsible by a majority of Republicans and the White House.

A yes vote supported the additional unemployment benefits. Area representatives voting yes were: Dennis Hastert, D-Harper Woods; William Ford, D-Taylor; Sander Levin, D-Southfield. Voting no were: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Yes on defense budget: By a vote of 198 for and 168 against, the House sent the Senate a \$270 billion defense budget for fiscal 1993. Foes were mostly conservatives who saw the post-Cold War military plan as too dovish. The bill (HR 5006) continues the

B-2 bomber and Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) at Pentagon approved funding levels and begins a conversion of defense-dependent jobs and companies to a peacetime economy.

It cuts at least \$3.5 billion from the cost of defending countries that are allies but also economic rivals, and sets the stage for withdrawing up to 60 percent of the 400,000 U.S. troops abroad within a few years. The bill sets a one-year moratorium on U.S. nuclear testing if Soviet republics continue to ban nuclear explosions.

Supporter Earl Hutto, D-Fla., said "the American people want a strong national defense, but reality dictates that to be a leader, 'force' than in recent decades."

Opponent Joel Hefley, R-Colo., said "it's just too bad that Congress doesn't want to dismantle the deficit as much as it wants to dismantle the Defense Department."

A yes vote supported the bill. Area

representatives voting yes were William Ford, Sander Levin. Not voting: Pursell, Hastert, Broomfield.

Yes to provide abortions for overseas military: By a vote of 216 for and 193 against, the House adopted an amendment to the 1993 defense budget (above) permitting women in the armed services and dependents to receive privately financed abortions at military health facilities abroad.

Supporter Marilyn Lloyd, D-Tenn., said "I have never condoned abortion" but that women deserve "the best reproductive health care services available" if it is their decision to have one.

Opponent Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said the amendment goes beyond Roe vs. Wade with a "mandate that every military hospital... provide abortions on demand."

A yes vote was to enable the mili-

SENATE

Yes to health services reorganization: By a vote of 86 for and eight against, the Senate approved a bill (S 1306) that includes the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration in the National Institutes of Health.

The bill is designed to upgrade research into mental illness and substance abuse, and use federal dollars more effectively to prevent and treat those conditions. But it drew controversy with a new formula for granting about \$1.5 billion for substance abuse and nearly \$445 million for mental health annually to the states. Less urbanized states would get more generous block grants than in the past at the expense of states

with many large cities such as Florida and California. Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

Striker replacement bill shelved: By a vote of 55 for and 41 against, the Senate fell short of the three-fifths majority needed to silence a filibuster against "striker replacement" legislation advocated by organized labor.

This shelved the bill (S 55) making it illegal for employers to permanently replace workers striking over economic issues, as happened, for example, in the Eastern Airlines and International Paper strikes of recent years. Nor could employers under the bill give preference after the strike to "cross-over" workers who returned to work while the job action was in progress.

A yes vote was to move toward passage of the bill. Carl Levin and Riegle voted yes.

Area families needed quickly to host summer exchange students

Area families are needed now to host 48 French and Spanish boys arriving July 1. These students want to spend four weeks in Michigan, experiencing American style living. Families need not speak a foreign language to host, since the

students have had from four to eight years of English language study.

The 48 boys without families are part of the 160 French and Spanish exchange students and chaperones scheduled to arrive here July 1. In

addition, another 41 boys and 36 girls are unplaced from the group of 160 French, Spanish and German students and chaperones arriving in Michigan at the end of July.

Evelyn and Julian Prince of West Bloomfield, the state coordinators

for Nacel Cultural Exchanges, match the 320 Michigan host families with students according to general interests and specific activities they would like to share with their guests. The teenagers have a variety of interests including tennis and other sports, water activities, computers, camping and music.

Some American families take their guests on trips; other share their everyday life-style. The students, ages 14-18, bring pocket

money, and their parents pay for their transportation and insurance. Teacher chaperones accompany the teenagers.

"Our recruitment of host families is in full swing, but we still need many more families," Evelyn Prince said.

The students will be here for four weeks. Hosts must supply three family references and are asked to provide the guests access to other teenagers. Children of host families

get preferred acceptance as exchange students for the Nacel reciprocal programs to France, Spain, Germany and the Ivory Coast in future summers.

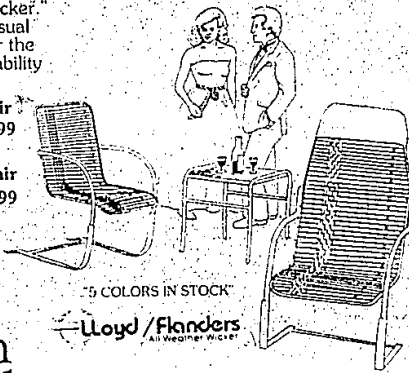
Families interested in hosting one of the boys, or perhaps a girl or chaperone, for four weeks beginning July 1 or in late July should phone Evelyn and Julian Prince immediately at 313/626-6641 or the national office of Nacel Cultural Exchanges in St. Paul, Minn. at 800-NACELLE (800/622-3531).

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