

ROLL CALL REPORT

Levin, Riegle vote no on supercollider

Here's how *Observer* & *Eccentric-area members of Congress* were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Aug. 7.

Supporter Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., told conservative foes of the bill, "I never heard you roll against 'tax and spend' when you vote for Star Wars."

Opponent Bill Archer, R-Texas, called the bill drafted by Democrats "a classic tax and spend plan to increase the size of government."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Hartsell and Sander Levin. Voting no were: Pursell and Broomfield. Not voting: William Ford.

No to streamlined family bill: By a vote of 191 for and 230 against, the House rejected a bipartisan alternative to a bill (above) upgrading social services to troubled families. The alternative to HR 3603 sought less federal red tape and bureaucracy. Its key feature was to combine funding of several family and child welfare programs, including foster care, into a few strings-attached block grant to each state.

Sponsor Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said the alternative saves "millions of dollars of administrative dollars . . . and all those dollars can be used to fund frontline family preservation services."

Opponent Thomas Downey, D-N.Y., labeled as "nonsensical" the argument that "simply providing the flexibility (to states) produces more resources and solves the problem."

A yes vote supported the alternative plan for helping troubled families. Area representatives voting yes were: Pursell, Broomfield, Voting no: Hartsell, William Ford, Sander Levin.

SENATE

Yes to save Supercollider: By a vote of 62 for and 32 against, the Senate killed an amendment to end federal support of the atom-smashing collider now under construction in Wamashchie, Texas. This preserved more than \$500 million for the project in a fiscal 1993 appropriations bill (HR 5373). The vote offset a House vote in June to terminate the supercollider. About \$1 billion has been appropriated toward an estimated \$8.3 billion final federal cost of the facility where scientists hope to discover clues to the origin of matter.

Harry Reid, D-Nev., who voted to kill the amendment, said the supercollider "will keep our nation on the cutting edge of science and technology."

Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., said "this nation is on the cutting edge of bankruptcy and nobody can ever seem to find a place to bring this thing under control."

A yes vote was to save the supercollider. Michigan Sens. Carl Levin, D., and Donald Riegle, D., voted no.

Yes to halt nuclear testing: By a vote of 68 for and 26 against, the Senate approved an amendment to a fiscal 1993 appropriations bill (HR 5373) imposing a nine-month moratorium on underground nuclear testing, followed by limited testing of warheads after the next three years and a permanent ban beginning in 1996. Above-

ground testing has been outlawed in the United States since 1993.

Supporter Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said "It is time to evaluate our nuclear testing programs, which consume almost half a billion dollars a year . . ."

Opponent William Cohen, R-Maine, said "as long as we have nuclear weapons, we have to spend the money to make sure they are safe, in order to protect the American people."

A yes vote was to halt nuclear testing in the United States. Carl Levin and Riegle voted yes.

No to higher grazing fees: By a vote of 50 for and 44 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to increase by 25 percent the fees charged large ranching operations for grazing stock on federal land in the West. The amendment to HR 5503 sought to increase the fee from \$1.92 to \$2.40 per animal unit for ranchers with at least 500 cattle or 2,500 sheep.

Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., who voted to kill the amendment, said "this issue has become a stalking horse for the environmental extremists who want to stop all grazing on public lands."

Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said the government is "collecting less than market value from wealthy ranchers who are using, and often abusing, lands owned by all Americans."

A yes vote opposed the amendment raising grazing fees. Carl Levin and Riegle voted no.

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HOUSE

Yes on aid to Soviets: By a vote of 255 for and 164 against, the House passed a bill (HR 4547) sending \$417 million to the former Soviet republics in fiscal 1993, mostly for economic development and humanitarian projects. The bill also provides a special \$12 billion contribution to the International Monetary Fund and up to \$15 million for an American volunteer effort to nurture democracy in the former Soviet Union.

Supporter Bob Michel, R-Ill., said "if democracy fails in the former Soviet states, the ensuing civil wars will make today's Bosnia look like an oasis of calm and peace."

Opponent Kwesi Mfume, D-Md., said "if we are serious about helping fledgling democracies, let us start with the ones that we know best. They are called the United States of America, and they are in desperate need of attention . . ."

A yes vote was to send aid to the former Soviet republics and increase U.S. support of the IMF. Area representatives voting yes were: Dennis Hartsell, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham. Voting no was: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

Yes to new program for families: By a vote of 256 for and 163 against, the House passed a bill (HR 3603) setting up a new entitlement program to help states better deliver family preservation services. The bill also increases food stamp benefits for poor families with children. A tax hike on incomes over \$1 million would pay the projected \$7 billion, five-year cost of HR 3603.

The bill's entitlement language guarantees higher appropriations for child and family support programs that now must compete with other social programs for scarce federal dollars.

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