

ROLL CALL REPORT

Area legislators split on borrowing for defense spending

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending May 28

HOUSE

Vote Keeps Troops in Somalia: By a vote of 127 for and 299 against, the House rejected an amendment to bring U.S. forces home from Somalia by June 30. The House then passed a measure (SJ Res 45) authorizing American troops in Somalia for at least another year under the War Powers Act. About 5,000 GIs remain there under United Nations command, down from a peak deployment of 25,000 in 1992. Sponsor Toby Roth, R-Wis., said,

"The price tag for our involvement so far, has been \$1 billion. I think the American people have done their share."

Opponent Bill Richardson, D-N.M., said "people in Mogadishu are no longer starving or dying because of our presence. If we were to leave, the dying would begin once again."

A yes vote was to withdraw American troops from the U.N. force in Somalia by June 30. **Area representatives voting yes were:** Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham. Voting no: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac, Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield and William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

Borrowing for Defense Spending Maintained: By a vote of 186 for and 244 against,

the House rejected an amendment deleting \$1.2 billion in deficit military spending from a \$1.8 billion appropriations bill (HR 2118) for fiscal 1993. The amendment sought to force the Pentagon to get the money from other defense accounts instead of by borrowing. The funding consists mainly of \$750 million for operations in Somalia, \$295 million for civilian medical insurance claims and \$100 million for Air Force patrols over southern Iraq. The House sent the bill to the Senate.

Sponsor Elizabeth Furse, D-Ore., said the issue "represents exactly what makes people angry about Congress. Spending taxpayers' money unnecessarily and adding to the deficit."

Opponent Bill Young, R-Fla., said "every time we reduce our defense budget, we are making it harder

and harder to provide the things that are necessary . . . for our national security."

A yes vote was to require the disputed military spending to be put on a pay-as-you-go basis. **Area representatives voting yes were:** Kildee and Levin. Voting no: Carr, Knollenberg and Ford.

Yes to New Jobs Bill: The House passed, 287 for and 140 against, a bill to spend \$920 million immediately on creating summer jobs for city youth, launching public works projects and hiring more police at the state and local level. The "son-of-stimulus" measure (HR 2244) was a reduced version of the \$19 billion White House-sponsored job measure that filibustering Republicans recently killed in the Senate. This

stimulus bill does not worsen the deficit because it is paid for by cuts elsewhere in the budget.

Supporter Martin Frost, D-Tex., said Democrats "happen to feel that the time has come to take care of the pressing problems in our cities and our environment. If (Republicans) disagree . . . they can vote against" the bill. Opponent Dan Burton, R-Ind., objected that the rule for debating the bill, set by Democrats, would prevent a full airing of the measure. "Most of the people in the body do not know what all of this means," he said.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives voting yes were:** Carr, Kildee, Levin and Ford. Voting no: Knollenberg.

No to Strip Jobs Pro-

gram: By a vote of 176 for and 251 against, the House refused to strip the jobs and infrastructure bill (above) of \$80 million for piloting a new program to qualify persons 17-to-30 for the job market. Participants would learn skills, receive classroom instruction and get a \$100 weekly stipend for meals, transportation and attending to personal needs.

Sponsor Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said "the great enemies in our cities are hopelessness and lack of opportunity," adding that the program "will be breaking the cycle of welfare by giving people job skills and life skills."

A yes vote opposed the new program. **Area representatives voting yes were:** Knollenberg. Voting no: Carr, Kildee, Levin and Ford.

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