

ROLL CALL REPORT

Carr, Knollenberg vote to stop ex-presidents' funds

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending June 25

Department's Advanced Liquid Metal Reactor program.
A yes vote was to eliminate funding for the ALMR program. Area representatives voting yes were: Levin, Ford. Voting no: Carr, Kildee, Knollenberg.

SENATE
"Workfare": The Senate failed, 34 for and 64 against, to kill an amendment requiring welfare recipients to seek work. The vote oc-

curred during debate on an appropriations bill (HR 2118) for the current fiscal year. It kept alive a proposal that states require at least 10 percent of able-bodied persons on federally funded general welfare rolls to report for a private or public sector job.

Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., objected to placing a new mandate on states in the miscellaneous spending bill.
Hank Brown, R-Colo., said the amendment "speaks to the Ameri-

can dream because it makes work and a way out of poverty part of assistance programs."
A yes vote was to remove the "workfare" language from the bill. Michigan Sens. Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

HOUSE

To Keep Space Station: The House rejected, 215 for and 216 against, an amendment to terminate Space Station Freedom by eliminating its funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget (HR 2200). The bill authorizes \$12.7 billion over the next seven years for the project designed to yield scientific breakthroughs and energize the U.S. space program. About \$9 billion already has been appropriated toward putting Freedom aloft by the end of the century.

Sponsor Tom Roemer, D-Ind., said "We cannot afford to go on spending money in a callous and cavalier manner" on a space station.

Opponent George Brown, D-Calif., said "Without the space station, our nation's long commitment to the manned exploration of space will be at an end."

A yes vote was to kill the space station. Area representatives voting yes were: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti. Voting No: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac.

Funding Ex-Presidents: To reject, 160 for and 258 against, an amendment to stop taxpayer support of former presidents except for pensions and Secret Service guards. The amendment targeted up to \$2 million annually spent on staff and office support for Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. The House then voted to cut off most support of former presidents after five years.

Sponsor Andrew Jacobs, D-Ind., said: "Thomas Jefferson, when he left the White House, said, 'I go forth to accept a promotion from servant to master.' The taxpayers are not the servants of the former presidents."

Opponent Peter King, R-N.Y., asked: "Why is it that we are treating these men, who have given their lives in dedication to the country, with such derision? Is it to appeal to voters back home so we can say we were tough on spending?"

A yes vote was to end taxpayer support of ex-presidents' staff and office expenses. Area representatives voting yes were: Carr, Knollenberg. Voting No: Kildee, Levin, Ford.

Spending Issue: By a vote of 135 for and 287 against, the House rejected an amendment to slow the spending growth for the Bureau of Reclamation, the agency responsible for federal water policy in the West. The amendment sought to limit growth to the inflation rate of 3.2 percent over the 1993 level, allowing a 1994 budget of \$843 million. Its defeat preserved an increase of 12 percent over 1993, to \$908 million. The vote occurred during debate on an energy and water appropriations bill (HR 2445).

Sponsor Dan Burton, R-Ind., said his amendment was appropriate in times of runaway deficits.

Opponent Tom Bevill, D-Ala., said the cut posed a threat to the long-term quality of western drinking water.

A yes vote supported a 3.2-percent rather than 12-percent increase in the Bureau of Reclamation budget. Area representatives voting yes were: Knollenberg. Voting no: Carr, Kildee, Levin and Ford.

Nuclear Energy: The House voted 267 for and 162 against to kill on-going federal research aimed at developing a nuclear reactor technology that uses recycled nuclear waste for fuel. The vote stripped HR 2445 (above) of \$32 million for advancing the Ener-



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