

Area reps supported Super Collider shutdown

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 22

HOUSE

To Kill Super Collider: The House voted 282 for and 143 against to terminate the Superconducting Super Collider project in Waxahachie, Texas. The death sentence was included in the Department of Energy's fiscal 1994 budget (HR 2445). The Senate later went along and the massive re-

search project has been declared ended by supporters as well as foes in Congress. The SSC would have conducted high-speed proton collisions in an underground loop, yielding information on the origin of matter. About \$2 billion toward a projected \$1.1 billion cost to taxpayers has been spent. The bill contains \$640 million to begin the shutdown.

Supporter Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., called the vote "the most important and most significant test of

this body's will to cut unnecessary spending that we will face all year."

Opponent Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., the majority leader, said the SSC is expensive but "justified in terms of the ideas and the technology that will translate into the kinds of jobs that we have got to have in this society in the days ahead."

A yes vote was to kill the super-collider. Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, D-

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Pontiac, Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Joseph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

Jobless Benefits: By a vote of 302 for and 95 against, the House passed a bill (HR 3167) providing an additional four months, until Feb. 5, 1994, in which the long-term jobless can qualify for additional unemployment checks after exhausting their basic 26-week allotment. Some of the estimated \$1.1 billion cost will be offset by limiting Supplemental Security Income welfare payments to recent legal immigrants. But most of the bill is to be paid over five years by a plan to return the jobless to work earlier, through better state retraining mandated by the bill. The legislation is expected to give 750,000 workers in all states seven or 13 weeks of additional checks. The emergency program of extended benefits was enacted two years ago as a temporary mea-

sure in response to the recession. Its cost has been about \$25 billion.

Supporter Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn., said: "This extension will allow families throughout the country to continue to pay their mortgage, take care of their responsibilities and live as normal life as possible until they find a job."

Opponent Bill Archer, R-Tex., said: "The nationwide economic crisis that may have justified this program has passed. We should allow it to expire before its evolution into simply another federal welfare program."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, Dale Kildee, Sander Levin, William Ford. Voting no: Joseph Knollenberg.

Benefits Issue: By a vote of 128 for and 277 against, the House rejected an amendment to

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