

How area members of Congress voted on various issues

WASHINGTON—Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes May 22 through May 28.

By a vote of 50 for and 325 against, the House refused to continue the requirement that the Central Intelligence Agency report covert operations to eight House and Senate committees either before or after the mission.

Left standing by the vote is a softening of the CIA's obligation to tell Congress about its work. The new language says the CIA must report only to the intelligence committee in each chamber; the report must come in advance of the mission, except in "extraordinary" circumstances.

The vote came during debate on a foreign aid bill (HR 6942) later passed and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., who voted "yea" said U.S. intelligence agencies committed "terrible abuses" in the past and that it would be a "major step backward" to lessen congressional checks on the CIA.

Rep. Clement Zablocki, D-Wisc., who voted "no" said: If we are to have an effective foreign intelligence capability... we must take steps to reduce the

likelihood of leaks to an absolute minimum."

Members voting "nay" wanted to make the CIA more independent of the Congress.

Reps. Jack Brooks, D-9 voted "yea."

The House adopted, 267 for and 105 against, an amendment eliminating about \$5.5 million in military aid slated for Nicaragua. The money was cut from a fiscal 1981 foreign aid bill (see preceding vote.)

Members voting "yea" wanted Nicaragua to get no fiscal 1981 military foreign aid.

Rep. Brooks, voted "nay."

By a vote of 76 for and 14 against, the Senate killed an attempt to cut the fiscal 1981 budget for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from \$11.7 million to \$6 million.

The commission is an independent government agency established in 1957 to study civil rights problems and make recommendations. The amendment was offered to S 2511, later passed and sent to the House.

Senators voting "yea" oppose the cut in the Civil Rights Commission budget.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D, voted "yea."

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