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no precedent for the House's voting to ac- cept a report by one of its committees.

A judiciary committee official said that the word "accepts" was chosen with care because the House leaders did not want "anything that appears to be a back door vote on impeachment."

When Nixon resigned Aug. 9, there was no doubt that a House vote for im- peachment would have been overwhelming.

The three representatives voting against the resolution were Earl F. Land- grebe, R-Ind., G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery, D-Miss., and Otto E. Passman, D-La.

set up similar individual retirement pro- grams but the maximum tax-deductible contribution would be \$1,500 a year.

The bill also would set minimum stand- ards for such key pension program fea- tures as vesting, meaning guaranteeing to a worker a nonforfeitable right to a share of the company's retirement fund even if he loses or leaves that job before he retires, and funding, meaning the amounts a boss must have in the plan so it has enough to provide the promised benefits.

Generally, employers would pick one of three alternative minimum methods for vesting — giving full vesting after 10 years of service but nothing before then; open with 25% after five years and increase by steps to full vesting after 15 years' service; or give 50% vesting when age and years of service equal 45 with the final 50% in the next five years.

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3 cities are high in birth defects; chemical is hit

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WASHINGTON — An abnormally high rate of birth defects has been recorded in children born in Painesville, Avon Lake and Ashtabula, all northern Ohio communi- ties with manufacturing plants using vinyl chloride.

The Ohio Department of Health is in- vestigating preliminary findings of a study showing that for every 1,000 live births in each community, 22 in Avon Lake, 20 in Painesville and 18 in Ashtabula have de- fects. The average for Ohio is 11.4.

The study came to light when the in- dustrial union department of the national AFL-CIO told a congressional committee it fears that excessive birth defects might be related to plant use of vinyl chloride.

Information on the birth defects has been turned over to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which is considering a tougher law regulat- ing chemicals used in industry.

Painesville has two plants that use vi- nyl chloride, Robintech, Inc. and Uniroyal Inc. Ashtabula has a General Tire & Rub- ber Co. plant and Avon Lake has a B.F. Goodrich Co. plant that uses the chemical.

Dr. Peter F. Infante of the Ohio De- partment of Health's division of chronic diseases, however, said there was no defi-

nite link between the high number of de- fects and vinyl chloride.

"We're just starting to look into it," Dr. Infante said. "There is something in those areas that appears to be related to more malformations at birth."

He called the preliminary information that was taken from a study of birth records crude data. The department is looking into the kinds of malformations found among babies. Although Dr. Infante declined to be more specific, the depart- ment presumably will be checking into the backgrounds and occupations of the par- ents of the babies born with malformations.

The AFL-CIO, which has been stepping up efforts to negotiate for stronger regula- tions to protect the health and safety of workers, had initially asked the health de- partment to inquire into rates of fetal mor- tality in the three cities.

The chemical, used in the production of plastics, has been under attack by the union as a possible cause of liver cancer. The federal Food and Drug Administration has recently banned aerosol sprays using the chemical.

Peter Dommarito, chairman of the AFL-CIO's committee on worker health and safety, argued that evidence shows that wives and children can become ex- posed to vinyl chloride because workers carry the chemical home on their clothes and bodies.

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