

Lundine Votes Against Budget As Inflationary

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Stanley N. Lundine yesterday voted against the proposed 1979 Congressional budget after the House failed to make significant anti-inflationary cuts in spending. The \$563 billion budget passed, however.

Lundine supported the so-called "Fisher Amendment" before the final budget vote. That amendment would have reduced the budget by a total of \$10 billion, with a corresponding \$7 billion reduction in the proposed \$57.9 billion deficit. That amendment was defeated in full House action.

"We are now in the fourth year of economic recovery. It is intolerable to approve a budget providing an even higher budget than in the previous years. Now is the time to reduce spending, to reduce the deficit, and within these bounds to work out a substantial, effective tax cut to spur new economic growth.

"If the Fisher Amendment, which reduced spending by \$10 billion, had been approved I could have voted for the resulting budget. Seven billion of that would have reduced the deficit and the remaining \$3 billion would have gone toward increasing tax cuts.

"Throughout House consideration of this budget, I opposed amendments to add any new spending in categories except those which would transfer funds from other accounts. Some of these decisions were very difficult.

"It is my feeling that this government should set an example of the restraint we expect from the private sector if we are ever to come out of our inflationary spiral. This budget fails to meet that objective. I could not, in good conscience, vote in favor of it," he said.