

Unreliable Upton

Rep. Fred Upton, Michigan Republican, must have thought he stumbled into the wrong party's convention.

On the heels of his vote in favor of the \$30 billion Clinton crime package, Mr. Upton was booed and shouted down by a hall full of fellow Republicans during last week's state GOP convention in Grand Rapids.

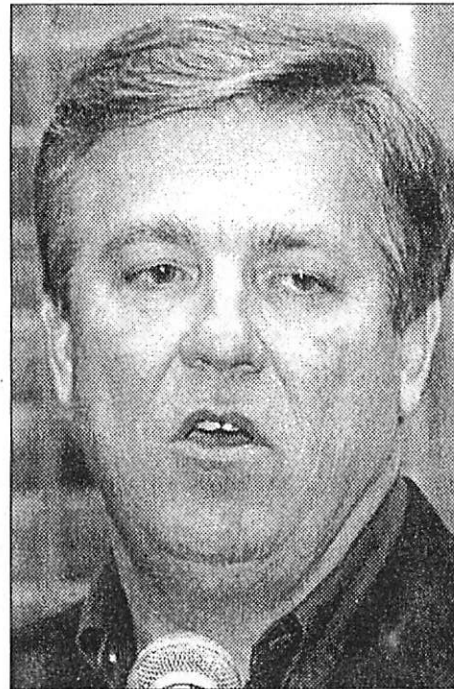
To make matters worse, Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour was on hand to witness the unusual display of affection.

"Representative Upton betrayed not only the members of the Michigan Republican Party when he voted for President Clinton's crime bill, he betrayed all patriotic citizens of the United States," complained state GOP member Joseph Munem.

Mr. Barbour, however, rushed to the side of the wounded congressman, shouting back that Republicans can't be expected to agree on everything. He added: "I don't boo Republicans."

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Party Chairman Haley Barbour won't boo any Republican, no matter how he votes.