

Romney's Tax Bill Results In Political Cat-Mouse Game

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A game of cat and mouse is in full swing in the Legislature. Hopes of major fiscal reform being accomplished in the current special session began to slip down the drain when the Senate leaders failed to muster enough votes.

First they couldn't get the Governor's income tax bill, which was the core of his program, out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Then they didn't come close to having enough votes on the floor to substitute the administration income tax proposal for another which was already on the daily calendar.

These crucial votes broke ground for burial of the reform program.

GOV. GEORGE ROMNEY is not a quitter, however, and would not admit this meant defeat.

His aides, several of whom are politically wiser than he, also advised against giving up at that point.

It would be much better if blame for failure of the program was placed on the other side, rather than having it be said in the future that the Governor was unable to get Republican legislators behind him.

DEMOCRATS, ON the other hand, don't want it to look like they didn't want major fiscal reform. This would be contrary to the stand they were on record with under previous administrations.

They also did not want to give Romney his program on a silver platter for future campaign reference. The only possible route for Democrats was to find several spots in the Romney program to claim the entire proposal was unacceptable.

Which party is the cat and which the mouse will not be determined until the Governor and legislators return to the campaign job ahead in 1964.

STILL AHEAD in the special session is the important implementation of the Constitution which takes effect Jan. 1.

Creation of an appellate court, just beneath the Supreme Court and election of county officers loom as two of the more controversial areas of concern.

Most of the Constitution will not be fully implemented in the law until the regular 1964 session or thereafter. It would appear even these two controversial areas might wait until next year, but many members feel they should be taken care of now.

AT ISSUE on the appellate court legislation is the question of how justices will be elected. Some want the state broken down into three districts equal in population, with three justices to be elected at-large from each district.

Others would like nine single-member districts formed to elect the justices.

Several legislators have their eyes on appellate court posts as there likely will be much in-fighting on this question.

THE RECOMMENDED change in the election law regarding county officials would give present officers a free two years in office.

Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley has said this is unconstitutional, but some members feel it was the intent of the Constitutional Convention delegates to have county officers run in a non-Presidential election year.

The language in the new Constitution does not specify that four-year terms for county officers will start in 1966, as language does for the Governor and other state officials.

It would appear a simple answer would be to have county officers run in 1964 for two-year terms and then in 1966 for the first four-year terms, but this would give many counties the hated "bed sheet" ballots.

FIRST in a complete series of freeway interchange numbering will be finished on one route next summer.

Using mileage numbers the department will install figures at each interchange on Interstate 94, the 225-mile route from New Buffalo to Detroit.

The mileage numbering system will be new to many drivers, since most states use a consecutive system. On I-94, however, the interchange numbers will coincide with the mileage route markers on the side of the highway.

If the motorist is going to exit at Interchange 50 and is at Interchange 25, he knows he has 25

miles to go before his exit point and he can gauge his progress by the mileage markers.

Highway officials decided on this system largely because new exit-entrance ramps can be added as development requires without complicating the numbering system.

DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS are fairly well convinced this is the best system for Michigan. It could also be used if designations on maps were desired for roadside rest areas and other facilities, they note.

The final decision, however, will largely depend on motorist reaction during approximately one year before any further numbering signs are installed on other freeways.

Early Risers To See Dec. 30 Lunar Eclipse

A total eclipse of the moon will take place on the early morning of Dec. 30, but Michigan star-gazers will see only the first half of the spectacle.

The reason is that the moon will be leaving the earth's shadow at about the time that it sets over the horizon, explained University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Loah.

"At 4:25 a.m. the moon will first touch the earth's shadow, and the eclipse will begin. At about this time the full moon will be found about 30 degrees above the western horizon," Professor Loah said.

"Soon after, a noticeable dimming at the eastern edge of the moon will show up, this darkened area gradually spreading over the moon's surface until 5:28 a.m. when the moon will be entirely in eclipse."

"THE MID-ECLIPSE will come at 6:07 a.m. with totality ending at 6:47 a.m., but it will take about an hour for the moon to leave the shadow completely at 7:05 a.m. Throughout the entire period that the moon is above the horizon in eclipse it will be visible."

Professor Loah said, "During the partial phase the earth's shadow will appear dark in contrast with the remaining section of the full moon, but when the moon is completely immersed, it will not be hidden, as one at first might suppose."

"During the total stage, it is illuminated by sunlight, which filters through the earth's atmosphere, and is bent and refracted into the shadow cone on to the moon. The moon then will shine with a dull reddish glow, having been deprived of its blue rays by the earth's atmosphere, which scatters and diffuses the blue light."



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Local Men Aid JA Fund Drive

Three local executives are directing the activities of Junior Achievement's Fund Campaign.

Earl G. Ward, 650 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, as general chairman of the drive, has set a goal of \$275,000 for the 1964 campaign. He is Ford Motor Company's vice president, purchasing.

Among four co-chairmen who are directing the activities of 500 campaign workers are Harold G. Warner, 5950 Snowshoe Circle, Bloomfield Township, General Motors vice president and general manager of Cadillac division; and John C. Secret, 30570 Leemore Drive, Birmingham, vice president of purchasing at American Motors Corp.

Financial support will be solicited from 4,000 firms during the annual 25-day drive, which runs from Jan. 25 through Feb. 20.

Cub Troop 1034 Cites Members

Cub Scout Pack No. 1034 at Harlem School honored several of its group recently.

James Griffin was awarded the Lion badge, and two-year pins were given to Griffin, Warren Scott, Steve Clark, and Bob MacLaren. Randy Chapman, Griffin, Tom DuBois, Bob Lyle, Ray Wasyluk and George Harabedian received gold arrowpoints.

Robert pins were also awarded to 14 boys, six boys became wolves, three became bears, and three received silver arrowpoints.

Construction Bids Opened

The State Highway Department recently opened bids on 28 state-wide construction projects, including one in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Estimated cost of a construction of a reservoir in the McKinley Drain area of Evergreen Road, Northwest Highway and Ten Mile Road in Southfield is \$20,000. Completion date is scheduled for Aug. 31, 1964.

For both Oakland and Wayne counties, five miles of highway traffic signing on the John C. Lodge Freeway extension from Wyoming in Detroit north to Southfield in Oakland County has been estimated at \$70,000. Completion date is scheduled for June 30, 1965.

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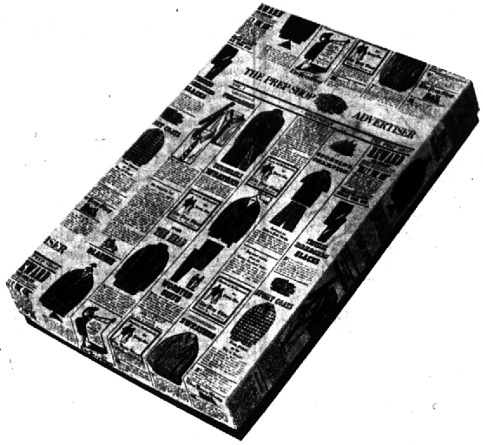
Tufts Fund Drive Names Local Man

University College and has been active in alumni affairs for over a decade.

The Tufts Fund is a campaign for half a million dollars to be raised from among alumni, parents and friends. The money will be used to raise faculty pay, create more financial aid, and to help meet other needs of the university.

Frederick C. Weiss, Jr., of 899 Fox Run, Birmingham, has been named head class agent in the nation-wide Tufts University annual Giving Fund. Weiss is director of media relations and planning for Young & Rubicam in Detroit.

A graduate of Richmond Hill High School, Weiss received his bachelor of arts degree from Tufts



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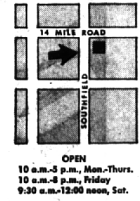
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