Mass transit tax bill irks suburb groups

It was another round of "Detroit versus the suburba" at a state highways and transportation committee hearing on a bill that would increase the property transfer tax tenfold to pay for an urban mass tran-sit system.

tax teniod to pay for an urban mass transit system. The hearing, held April 12 at Detroit is City-County Building, drew protesters from substan, real estate and homeomer's groups Derioti interests also were represented at the hearing on the conversial buil. The bill under fire is an attempt to raise matching funds—425 million annually—for a potential from million federal grant for a mass transit in the metropolitan area it was introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen., David Plawecks (1) Dearborn legion and Sen. Gilbert Bursley ill-Aran Arbari.

Sen. Plawecki is vice chairman of the highways and transportation committee and was present at the hearing with commenter and was present at the hearing with commenter and Chairman Aribar Cartweips (D-Detroit).

Some of the strongest opposition to the bill, which would increase the property transfer tax of 0.11 per certs now paid as part of closing coats by selters of property to 11 per cert. come from Galdard County Executive Dantel Murphy.

MURPHYS STAFFMENT, read by the director of planning and physical development for oldant Gourty. Mikon Handort, called the tas "unfair, discriminatory and unworkable." The proposal being considered would, if caracted, rase the tas on a home selling for £50 000 from the present £27 to £222. "

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igan .
I don't have those figures," Handorf answered.

MACOMB COUNTY has many of the same objections to the bill as Onlaind, according to Arthur Gavin, chairman of Macombia transportation committee. Gavin soil of the bill that compared to the compared to the bill that compared to the co

Commissioners OK tax budget

By TIM RICHARD

It's a ploy all county governments, town-ships and school districts make each year. They pies an "allocation budget." which is far bigger than they expect to get au-signment of the county is as allocation board. That brard divides the '15-mill. "winter," property tas between the local units, and everytoody gets busy passing realistic budg-ets.

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But some conservative Oakland County
commissioners are tired of the game.
They want to pass what they consider a
"realistic" budget the first time around.

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THE BOARD of commissioners gave 15 approval to the 'allocation badget' prescription of the property of the property

governments.;

"OTTER LATTS of government could
use the meety more." Mrs. Dearform
and "This covery has too much money."

Gakland Courty government, she sand
has been getting 5.5 mills "under a geretmin's agreement—excuse me, a geretperson's agreement—with the tax allocation board to that effect. This budget
would require 6.31 mills."

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"It is an insidious, hidden tax, At a time when personal finances are strained to a limit, the seller will find he has to pay for mass transit." Murphy also took exception to what he felt was an unequal distribution of the tax burden.

lation, would have paid its per cent of the "Oakland resided's are willing to pay their fair thair of "he financing for mass transit," but they "nil not accept a turn their population of their county as from Wayne County." According to Islandor's Marphy proposes instead a #7.50 surcharge on all license paids statewise to rance the funds. The proposal was met with some dubousness by DeMaso, who saked Handor's how many license plates were sold each year in Mich-stan.

REAL ESTATE interests from all parts of the tri-county area voiced their objections before the committee. Sieve Passon of the North Oakland Board of Realizary tas."

"The bill single out one industry." Passon said.

"Most cituens would never know of the hage increase until they bought or sold a tome."

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As an alternative to the tax, Passon cited a proposal by Rep Thomas Brown iD-Westland: that would call for special state lottery games in seven counties to main-fender to bearing the lottery to cash." Debado strappeted. "Pretty soon someone is going to propose we tax sex to pay for mass trainsi."

Other really and home builders associations which spike before the committee share the view that the ball would detrimentally affect their areas of the economy and refused to support if

Tom Turner, president of the Metropol

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tation."
"But we think a combined auto weight tax and property transfer tax makes sense," McCuilough added.
Philip Sirns of the Trade Usion Council said it supported SEMTA but opposed the bit.

"We would support any program that called for uniform taxing of Michigan resi-dents," Sims said.

THE CRIES of outrage directed against the bill were tempered by apokestien strongly in flavor of it. Dr. Francis Kornegy of the Derroit Urban Legales and "No texts are more perturned to they area than development of mass transit." Many minorities would be working if we had it.

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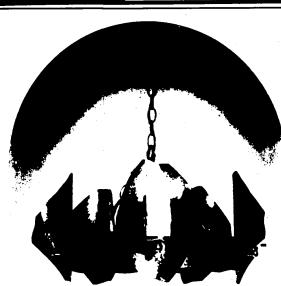
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