

How 3 Senators See Parochialism, Protests

By HOWARD KOHN

LANDING — This is Gov. William Milliken's first head-on encounter with the state Legislature and his first test on the key question of controlling the Republican majority. This is also not an election

year, and state legislators tend to be less partisan and more independent in off-years. Observer Newspapers asked the three state senators from Farmington, Kuhn, Faust and Westland, and Lorraine Beebe (D-Bearborn), to take stands on some of the key issues facing the legislature.

Kuhn represents Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth; Faust, Garden City and Westland; and Mrs. Beebe, Redford Township. Observer Newspapers asked Kuhn, Faust and Beebe how they

stood on some of the key issues before the legislature.

PAROCHIALISM — The Senate has rejected all six amendments to the public school bill. But parochialism supporters in the Senate say they will try to attach a rider on two school bills yet to be reported out of committee.

Kuhn: "I'm open-minded and sympathetic to parochialism. I think the Catholic Church is caught by an excessive amount of taxation. If we can't eliminate the non-resident income tax, I may vote for parochialism. But I'd like to wait until the governor's committee reports back in the fall.

"There are two important questions in my mind, one, whether parochialism is constitutional, and two, where the money is going to come from." (Kuhn said that Republican Senate leaders had concurred with both ex-Gov. George Romney and Gov. William Milliken and agreed not to okay any tax raises. He added that parochialism forces had hurt themselves by raising their requested rate from \$21 million to \$45 million.)

Faust: "I understand a lot of senators have sympathy for it, but few seem ready to vote their sympathies.

"The need is definitely there. Some Catholic schools are \$400,000 in debt. If the money can be found I'll be for it. If it doesn't pass this year I don't think it'll pass next year. More importantly, I'm in favor of implementing the Thomas study which recommends we pay school costs with income taxes instead of property taxes and distribute aid more adequately to need."

Beebe: "I haven't taken a stand on it yet. But I'm against it if it will damage our public school programs."

STUDENT PROTESTS — Both Kuhn and Mrs. Beebe are on an eight-member special committee investigating unrest on the state's campuses. No new legislation to put limits on demonstrations has yet been introduced, although Milliken has spoken out for some.

Kuhn: "I think the fault for these breaches of peace lies with the college administrations and local officials. I want to know why students are immune to civil laws. We've passed severe laws against riotous cocking, but no one's been doing anything to prosecute the students at Ferris for throwing them.

"I get disturbed anytime students go beyond the point of peaceful protest. I think the garbage that's being printed in these college papers is contributing to this unrest and to a loosening of morals.

"We need strong men in our school administrations who know what's right and wrong. I don't want to deny freedom to anyone, but I can't buy some of the stuff that's passed off under the guise of academic freedom.

"I think our committee will recommend some changes in the laws. I don't like to see the Legislature moving into this, but we will if we have to. I know if those freaks tried to sit in the Senate chambers, they wouldn't be there two minutes."

Faust: "I think some of these legislative committees are causing more problems than they're solving.

"These kids have a lot of right ideas. I'm behind them as long as they don't damage public property or use violence. Our college administrator's seem to be handling the problems all right. The University of Michigan, for example, hasn't had any trouble."

Mrs. Beebe: "Federal legislation may stop some of this nonsense. At least it will keep activists from moving from campus to campus.

"The rest of the young people will wait only so long before they move to stop this. I hope we don't reach the point of civil war between students but SDS is asking for it."

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE STRIKES — A bill before the Senate is asking for compulsory arbitration in firemen, police or teacher strikes. Firemen and police have supported the bill. Teachers have not taken a public position because privately they disagree on the bill.

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way. Compulsory arbitration might do that. But the public is against it. And I think most firemen and policemen are against even though their unions are for it.

"I know that when I was in local office, it was always better to settle a labor dispute privately without a third party coming in and creating hard feelings."

Kuhn: "I don't think I'll support the bill."

"What happens if this arbitrator settles at a price that the city can't pay? Wages have to be set within the city's budget."

"I'm against compulsory ar-

bitration and I'm against public employees' job out on strike."

Mrs. Beebe: "I'm in favor of it on a trial basis for firemen and policemen. Teachers haven't asked for it, so I don't know what they want."

LEGALIZED ABORTION — Two bills on the table waiting to get to the floor for debate. Sen. Gilber Bursley (R-An Arbor) has a moderate one with limits on reasons for abortion. Sen. John McCauley (D-Wyandotte) has a more liberal bill, leaving the decision up to doctors and mothers. Bursley's bill got 18 votes last week, McCauley's 13. But 20 votes

are needed to take them off the table. Mrs. Beebe: "There is a growing awareness and pressure from hospital officials, from doctors and from women to liberalize the abortion law. I share this concern."

"Bursley's bill will probably come down for debate, but I'm not sure that it will pass without being considerably amended."

BANKING — More than 220 Michigan corporations illegally own bank stock. Frank Kelley, state attorney general, has said he will not move to prosecute them until the Legislature votes on banking bills now pending.

One bill (SB-213) would legalize such ownership. Kuhn: "If this bill doesn't pass there might be an unwelcome war in this great state. The trend nationally is to let banks have holding companies for increased services."

"I'd also like to give the banking commission new powers to move in and stop local banks from taking unnecessary risks. This would protect the public and the stockholders. Bankers say they're in favor of it."

Faust: "We have to be very careful not to take power away from the public and invest it with corporations and banking commissions."

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