

House taps Brotherton

State Rep. Sandy Brotherton (R-Farmington) has been appointed GOP vice chairman of the house standing committee on urban affairs.

Brotherton has also been re-appointed to the public health committee and named to the taxation and civil rights committees.

There are three major pieces of legislation which will receive early consideration in the urban affairs committee, Brotherton said.

One would be designed to deal with problems relating to "redlining" as it applies to real estate mortgages and home insurance. The other two will deal with the Governor's proposed statewide transportation plan and land use legislation, he added.

"Taxation is another very important committee," he said, adding he hoped his background in city and county government would serve him well on the committee. Early consideration of revision in the Single Business Tax is one of his priority items.

Sometime this spring the committee will be considering recommendations from the Single Business Advisory Task Force, as well as bills which are currently being introduced, he said.

Other issues before the taxation committee include the question of property tax reform and tax proposals that will be necessary to pay for the statewide transportation plan.

The Public Health Committee will consider as one of its earliest and highest priority items a new bill incorporating most of the provisions of House Bill 6306, the public health code, which passed the house last year but was not acted upon by the senate, Brotherton said.

"Civil Rights is a new committee for me so I really do not know what specific areas will be looked at first," he commented.

Brotherton has also been assigned to serve on a special program steering committee which will redouble Republican efforts to develop alternate programs to the Democratic legislation.

"We will attempt to see that the minority viewpoint is well heard during the next two years. This committee will coordinate the efforts of our party in sponsoring significant programs at a price we can afford," he said.



Strike up the band

Mary Seech (left) of Farmington, and Gayle Dalawrak of Farmington, Hills, discuss the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's eighth annual goodwill tour of Europe with conductor James Niblock. Also going on the trip will be Francis Stark of Farmington Hills.

Ferris honors area students

Farmington and Farmington Hills students were among those honored by Ferris State College for maintaining at least a 3.25 average during the fall semester.

Among the students who were named to the academic honors list are: Dennis J. Bona, 36679 Vicary; John H. Humble, 23031 Maple; Diane M. McCallum, 22971 Thorndyke; Daniel T. Tyler, 23336 Liberty; Donald T. Tyler, 32007 Valleyview and Deborah K. White, 26470 Greythorn.

The honored group included: Steven C. Boike, 28401 Kendallwood; Paul R. Lätler, 28338 Aranel; Joseph Meyers, 35190 Gary; and Linda Parker, 29939 Beacontree.

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