

Officials pleased with Headlee outcome

By JACKIE KLEIN

State Sen. Doug Ross has redeemed himself with Southfield officials who say the Oak Park Democrat approved legislation which would have circumvented provisions of the Headlee amendment.

Ross, whose district includes Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington and Farmington Hills, first came under fire from Southfield city officials. They claimed the bill, co-sponsored by Ross and Flint Democrat Sen. Gary Corbin, violated the Headlee amendment by eliminating many state mandated costs for local services.

Ross and Rep. Joseph Forbes, also an Oak Park Democrat, last Friday amended the bill to provide that the state reimburse municipalities for expenses related to police, fire and emergency medical services. The bill passed in the legislature Friday and is on Gov. William Milliken's desk for his signature.

"We've sharply criticized Ross for his measure implementing Headlee," Southfield Council President James

Collins said at Monday night's meeting. "Now we should compliment him and Forbes for their amendments to the bill which considerably improved it. We're gratified that Southfield has some influence on the state legislature."

POLICE, FIRE and medical services were originally defined in the bill as "optional," not required by state law and not a state-mandated cost.

"The amended bill doesn't define these vital services as optional," said Maria Ward, director of community development for Southfield. "That definition was one of the city's most serious objections to the original bill."

Considering the vague language of Proposal E (Headlee), the change in the bill marked a significant shift in legislative attitudes. Police, fire and emergency medical services comprise 50 percent of our general fund. The amendment removes the greatest source of potential problems arising from the original draft of the bill.

In response to objections by Southfield officials and the Michigan Municipal League, Ms. Ward said, the defini-

tion of "activity or service" in the bill was expanded to include contractual services and materials, supplies and related expenses. This removed ambiguity from the measure and probably insures the definition will meet constitutional requirements, she said.

"The final major change adopted in response to local government testimony was a section which eliminates the state's 'blank check,'" said Girard Miller, director of fiscal services for Southfield. "That allowed state regulatory agencies to write mandatory administrative rules under the authority

of earlier legislation. "The remaining ambiguities in the interpretation of Proposal E will be resolved through litigation now that the legislature has completed implementation of the constitutional amendment."

Mayor Donald Fracassi, who blasted the bill in a July 4 conference, said he hasn't seen the amended version but is happy about the changes. No other communities, he said, showed concern about the original measure.

"Southfield officials don't sit on their hands when it comes to important issues," he said.

Cemeteries tell history of Farmington growth

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Men who participated in the great conflicts of their time are remembered by the dates on their tombstones.

1851. She was 11 years and five days old.

In North Farmington Cemetery, the graves of men who lived long and fought in illustrious battles are preserved.

In 1776, Levi Green was a ranger in the Albany Co. of New York. The following year he participated in the battle of Bennington, N.Y.

HE AND HIS wife, Asenah, lived in Farmington after the war. Mrs. Green died on May 12, 1841 at 82 years of age. Her husband lived until June 21, 1851. He was 94 years old when he died.

Soldiers from the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II have their graves in North Farmington.

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Mrs. Weber, 77, of Farmington, died on July 11 in Botsford Hospital.

Survivors include: husband, Charles L.; sisters, Edna Rendel, Eva Stabler, George Root, Arthur Root; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted on July 13 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington by Rev. J. Kenneth Hofmeyer. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

ALICE E. NELSON

Mrs. Nelson, 60, of Farmington Hills, died on July 11 in her home.

Mrs. Nelson was a foreman for Chrysler Industries in Farmington.

Survivors include: son, Thomas; Chesley, Dorothy Szyneck; brother, Kenneth Szieland.

Services were conducted on July 14 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkeley. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Heart Association.

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