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Can it be true?

The real world of politics can't be this bad. That's what Phil Roselli seemed to be telling himself as he recently participated in the mock Republican convention at North Farmington High School. To see what happened at the convention, turn to Page 3A. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Business tax plan splits lawmakers

By MARY GNIEWEK

State Sen. Doug Ross, D-Oak Park, introduced legislation this week to allow small businesses to be taxed on their profits instead of their payroll—but state Rep. Wilbur Brotherton, R-Farmington, and the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce aren't buying it.

Ross stated that his bill is the continuation of an effort begun in 1977 to free small businesses from the Single Business Tax.

"Three years ago a group of small businessmen and I successfully pushed through an amendment to the SBT to provide some tax relief for smaller businesses with small profits and large payrolls.

"This amendment cut taxes for small businesses by nearly \$30 million a year, but still left many businesses with no profits paying heavy taxes," Ross said.

"This bill should complete the job of tying taxes to profits for Michigan's small businesses."

The bill has the support of Senate Finance Committee Chair Gary Corbin, D-Clio, Senate Majority Leader William Faust, D-Westland and Senate Minority Leader Robert VanderLaan, R-Grand Rapids.

In the House, Brotherton is keeping the measure at arms-length.

"This seems to me another case of offering something attractive without expecting it to get serious consideration," he charged.

"I seriously doubt it will be considered during this legislative session."

bill might be worthy of consideration, he said it would be hard to visualize how it would work depending on profits from year to year.

"Would businesses have to pay taxes on inventory? The implications are not clear enough."

Brotherton believes the SBT tax forms should be simplified; business losses should be spread out over a period of years to cushion the effect; and stronger regulation of workers compensation is needed.

Edward Lane, executive director of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce which represents 1,500 small businesses, is urging businessmen to support Senate Bill 1098, a coalition bill supported by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

That bill addresses abuses of workers compensation, such as retirees applying for benefits and strengthening the definition of "disability."

"Small business people don't object to paying taxes. They just want a fair shake," said Lane, who attended the first national White House Conference on Small Business in Washington D.C. last January.

"The Ross bill doesn't address itself to true reform," Ross disagrees.

"If you're a small business person, you're interested in cutting costs. Workers compensation is one area, SBT is another, health insurance is the third. Wherever we can make progress, we ought to make it.

"THIS BILL TO provide small businesses with a profit tax instead of existing SBT will save small businesses \$20 million a year," Ross continued. "It's especially important during a recession.

"I agree workers compensation abuse is a high priority and I understand conversations about a bill are going on now between Senate Democratic leadership, Senate Republican leadership and the Governor's office."

The profit tax bill would cost about \$20 million in tax relief, which would be raised from larger businesses by an adjustment in the SBT. In balance, there would be no cost to the state, Ross said.

Other reports state the bill would cost the state \$10 million in lost revenues.

"Our goal is to pass it through the Senate by the July 4 summer break," Ross said.

Brodhead seeks credit relief for car buyers

Congressman William M. Brodhead, D-Detroit, introduced a bill to provide a \$500 tax credit to the purchasers of new cars for the remainder of 1980.

The tax credit would be targeted toward cars produced by U.S. manufacturers by a provision which limits it to companies whose overall average fuel economy for passenger cars in model year 1979 equals or exceeds 120 percent of its average fuel economy for 1974.

Only the four principal U.S. manufacturers and three foreign automakers (Mercedes, Peugeot and Mazda) with relatively small U.S. sales can meet this requirement.

This bill fulfills the dual purpose of rewarding improvements in fuel efficiency and providing a sorely needed

boost to domestic auto sales," Brodhead said.

"With more than a quarter million U.S. auto workers unemployed and with more plants closing every week, it is absolutely imperative that the federal government take action."

The \$500 tax credit would be available only for cars purchased primarily for the use of the taxpayer or his family. The credit is "refundable," in that it is available even if the taxpayer has no tax liability during 1980.

Brodhead, who is a member of the Ways and Means Committee which will consider the bill, estimated the cost of the bill at \$1.7 billion.

This is based upon projected domestic sales of 4.6 million cars for the remainder of 1980, 70 percent of which would qualify for the tax credit.

State appeals court rules against doctor

A 30-day suspension of Dr. Don Krohn's medical license has been reinstated by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The suspension had been ordered by the state Medical Practice Board after the doctor was accused of sexually assaulting a West Bloomfield woman on Oct. 1, 1976.

The suspension was later disallowed by an order in June 1979 by Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien.

Krohn, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Providence Hospital in Southfield, entered the woman's home uninvited, threw her down and at-

tempted the assault. He also struck a neighbor who came to her aid.

Oakland Circuit Judge William Beer found Krohn innocent of criminal charges because he was too intoxicated to form criminal intent, Beer said. Krohn said he could not recall the incident, but did admit taking several drinks earlier that evening.

The Medical Practice Board suspended the doctor's license for 30 days, finding him guilty of "immoral conduct" and ordered a three-year probationary period in which Krohn was required to receive medical treatment.

The board also filed a letter of reprimand on Dr. Krohn's record.

Memorial parade honors hostages

Spectators at this year's Farmington Memorial Day parade will see an extra dash of patriotism missing from previous holiday marches.

More than 4,000 yellow ribbons are



JACK CAREY

being distributed to parade participants to wear May 26 in honor of the 50 Americans being held hostage in Iran.

Members of local veteran auxiliary chapters are preparing the ribbons.

Merchants from both Farmington and Farmington Hills have donated the money to make the ribbons possible.

The parade is sponsored by the Farmington Veterans of Foreign War Post 2269, the Farmington American Legion Post 346 and Farmington Hills American Legion Post 190.

Kicking off this year's Memorial holiday activities will be a dinner-dance on May 25 at the Groves-Walker Post 346 of the American Legion.

Speaker for that evening's activities will be John Carey, the 1979 American Legion National Commander.

A life member of the Grand Blanc Michigan Post, he has served the Legion at local, state and national levels. An Army veteran of the Pacific Theater, he participated in the invasion of Leyte and Okinawa.

CAREY HAS served as Grand Blanc mayor for eight years and is a member of the board of managers of the Michi-

gan Veterans' Facility in Grand Rapids, a gubernatorial appointment.

On parade day, the Memorial Day address will be delivered by Navy Admiral Lee Landis of Livonia, a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He will speak at the parade's conclusion at the Veteran's Memorial Monument at Grand River and Farmington Road.

Landis is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He retired as a rear admiral in 1979, after enlisting in 1942 as an apprentice seaman.

In civilian life, he has been business manager of Ripon College in Wisconsin and has been an executive with Ford Motor Co.

He was honored three times with Ford's Citizen of the Year Bronze Bell Award.

Parade activities will begin at 10 a.m. at the Grand River Drive in and end at Grand River and Farmington Road.

Participants in this year's parade will be eligible for awards and trophies to be presented by the veteran group sponsors.

General chairman for this year's parade is Walter Christensen, a member of American Legion Post 346. The awards committee is being chaired by Jerry Unhoefter.



LEE LANDIS

Good deeds earn police citations

Farmington Police issued several awards and citations to officers and citizens in a special ceremony at City Hall recently.

Departmental commendations were awarded to Public Safety Officers Thomas C. Cox and James P. Madigan.

Cox was cited for developing informants which resulted in the clearance of several open cases, including an armed robbery which had remained unsolved for more than 14 months.

Madigan, while assigned to a patrol shift, initiated an interview of a suspect in a separate unrelated offense which resulted in the clearance of a series of open burglaries.

A unit citation was issued to Public Safety Officer Robert S. Mitchell. On Nov. 13, 1977, the platoon to which he was assigned distinguished itself in response to a condominium fire. Mitchell coordinated and dispatched that unit.

Mitchell was also cited for reviving a heart attack victim on May 9, 1979.

Life-saving awards were presented to Sergeant Peter N. Amato for initiating one-man cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a heart attack victim on Oct. 29, 1979, Public Safety Officer Hilton S.H. Hyde for initiating CPR to a cardiac

victim on Oct. 20, 1979; Public Safety Officer Anthony W. Gabuzac, who undertook control at the scene of a hit-and-run accident involving a pedestrian seriously injured Nov. 8, 1979; and Public Safety Officer Madigan who helped revive a heart attack victim May 9, 1979.

CITIZEN COMMENDATIONS went to Neal Hale, Daniel Maxson and Patricia Reinbold. Hale reported suspicious activity in his apartment complex May 21, 1979, which resulted in the recovery of a stolen auto and the apprehension of the perpetrators.

Board eyes humanities decision at special Tuesday school meet

A special study session has been called for Tuesday, May 27 in which the Farmington Board of Education will discuss the music program in the schools and humanities as a mandate for high school graduation with representatives of a community group advocating a stronger arts requirement. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in

the Farmington High School auditorium, 32000 Shilawassee.

Richard Levinson, spokesman for the group representing more than 500 families in the district, was granted the special meeting in lieu of presentation time during the next board meeting June 3.

"I'd like to see the largest attendance of community as possible," said Levinson.

Copies of an extensive research report developed by group members advocating mandatory humanities will be distributed to members of the board Friday.

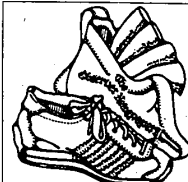
for five consecutive years of motor vehicle operation without accident.

Mary Orell received the member of the year award from the Community Observation Patrol Service (COPS) group for participating in every voluntary project or program undertaken by COPS to date.

Charles Sneathly won the most hours monitored award from COPS for more than 176 hours in monitoring citizen band radio channels to provide emergency and information assistance to the citizens of Farmington.

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