

LANSING
 Observersland State Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe and George Kuhn, both Republicans, voted "yes" on a bill Wednesday seeking a three-cents-a-pack increase in the tax on cigarettes. It would have boosted the state tax from seven cents to 10.

Sen. William Faust, a Democrat, voted "no."

The Senate came within two votes of passing the measure, 18 to 13. Twenty votes were needed for passage.

REPUBLICANS WERE THE MAIN SUPPORTERS with 14 "yes" votes and three "no" votes. Only four Democrats supported the bill and 10 voted against it. Two Republicans and three Democrats were absent.

Senate Majority Leader Emil Lockwood (R-St. Louis) said he will call for a vote of reconsideration next week.

Opposition is coming from Sen. Harry DeMaio (R-Battle

Carl Pursell of Plymouth has called a press conference for Monday and is expected to formally announce his candidacy for the State Senate held by George Kuhn of Birmingham.

Pursell, a Republican, presently serves on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors representing Plymouth, Livonia and Northville.

He opposed Kuhn, also a Republican, in the 1966 primary election and recently accused Kuhn of blocking a gubernatorial assignment to the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel in downtown Detroit.

A record number of entries will be at Cobo Hall Sunday, March 8, for the Detroit Kennel Club Show.

The club reports there are 3,274 dogs entered, with a total of 112 different breeds. The largest number of entries are in the Doberman-Pinscher class.

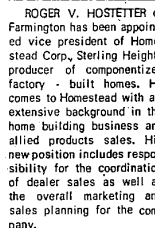
Judging will begin 8 a.m. Sunday.

FARMINGTON
Plinn F. Morse II of 3394 Braebury Ridge in Farmington has been recognized by the University of Michigan for outstanding achievement.

To receive this honor, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 scholastic average. In addition, Morse is active in various student-oriented national political clubs. He plans to enter the University of Michigan Law school in the fall.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Doris Morse is a graduate of North Farmington High School. He graduated with high honors and was one of four national finalists for the Merit Scholarship Award.

and Will Partnership, Chicago. The Orchard Ridge campus, completed in 1967, has more than 400,000 square feet of floor area and is described as "learner-oriented center run for the convenience of the student rather than the faculty or administration."



WASHINGTON

Two Oberverland congressmen were among the overwhelming majority on Capitol Hill who voted for an emergency joint resolution that puts a possible nationwide rail-strike until after Easter.

The measure was absent during the voting.

Congressmen put partisan considerations aside and speeded the resolution through Wednesday with votes of 83 to 0 in the Senate and 343 to 19 in the House.

REPUBLICAN Marvin Esch (2nd District) and Democrat William D. Ford (15th District) both cast "yes" votes on the delay resolution.

Sen. Charles McNair (D-Ind.) (19th District) was put off of Washington giving a speech.

The action is, in effect, a compromise between demands of one of a group of labor unions in the rail industry and President Richard Nixon's suggestion that he assert a sweeping tie-up in the nation's rail movements.

Nixon favored legislation to force the dissent union groups to accept terms already agreed to by the other unions.

Esch, as hammer, put in a union-management negotiation.

The resolution passed Wednesday provides 37 days for the negotiating parties to reach an agreement.

Esch said: "The President carries through the Eastern recess of Congress.

Observations, two Republican state senators, N. Lorraine Beebe and George Kuhn, are among 17 endorsing a resolution that urges President Truman to appoint a circuit judge. Phillip Pratt of the Federal Circuit Court, Kuhn said.

Kuhn said (14th District-Birmingham) headed the effort to support Pratt with the resolution.

Mrs. Beebe (12th District-DeARBorn Heights) was the third signer.

Kuhn's district includes Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, Northville and half of Southfield. Mrs. Beebe's district includes Redford Township.

KUHN SAID He noted that Oakland County, with almost one million people, has no federal judges and a federal judicial appointment.

He found the 17 who agreed included that Judge Pratt is "most eminently qualified with extraordinary judicial temperament and has served with high distinction as past president of the Oakland County Bar Association."

The resolution pointed out that Judge Pratt had "won unanimous endorsement of the entire circuit bench of Oakland County" and had "been a leader in sportsmanship and performance as a one-man grand juror, which led to his appointment as chairman of the Governor's Special Study Commission on Organized Crime."

It added that Judge Pratt had "substantially contributed to the efficient operation of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Michigan."

The vacancy was created by the death of Federal Judge Thaddeus Machrowski.

Fishing Good In Many Spots

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LANSING

Two suburban area Democrats crossed party lines to oppose it, but the State House of Representatives passed a whopping \$1.2 billion school aid bill that contains a parishaid feature.

The bill squeaked by with only one vote to spare.

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VOTING For passage were these area Democrats:

John Bennett, Redford Township.

Marvin Siemien of Livonia.

- State aid. The total would be \$12 billion, some \$300,000 more than Gov. Milliken requested. This feature helped soften the opposition of some parishaid foes.
- Public schools. Some \$22 million would be allocated to non-public schools. About 900 private schools would receive up to half of the estimated average salary of \$8,800 paid to 5,800 certified pay teachers of secular subjects.
- Income tax. Local school boards would be authorized to

Richard Young of Dearborn Heights, whose district includes parts of Westland and Livonia.

Vincent Petitpren of Westland.

OPPOSED WERE:
Raymond Baker, Republican of Farmington, whose district includes part of Southfield.
James Tierney, Democrat of Garden City, whose district includes Plymouth and part of Westland.
Albert Kramer, Democrat of Oak Park, whose district includes part of Southfield.
Tierney and Kramer split with the majority of the Democratic Party, but Baker followed the GOP line.
The vote was 57-50-one more than the 56 needed for passage.

SUPPORTING the bill were 42 Democrats and 15 Republicans, including Rep. Roy Spencer (R-Alta), a rural lawmaker who helped engineer the bill.

Opposing it were 13 Democrats and 37 Republicans.

The vote is far from final. The Senate passed a considerably different version last November. A joint committee will work on agreement between the two versions. If the agreement is different from the bill passed Thursday, then it will have to go back to the House for another vote.

Meanwhile, Republican House Leader Robert Waldron of Grosse Pointe promised a try for reconsideration of the House version and said he even looked for "a referendum on parochialism this fall." Waldron vigorously opposes parochialism.

THE GIGANTIC bill makes all sorts of changes in the state school financial picture.

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- **State income tax.** The personal rate would be raised 0.9% to a new level of 3.6%. The corporate rate increase would be 2.1% for a new level of 7.7%.

The financial institutions rate would be raised by 2.5% to a new level of 9.5%.

maxed a four-month House fight on parochial aid and a two-year campaign to get funds for church-related schools.

The parochial feature was vigorously fought by many public school interest groups. They were joined by some civil rights groups who questioned the constitutionality of state aid to church-related schools.

A legal battle is expected to

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