Tax hike question: when, not if

The State Capitol lobby was packed at midday Wednesday, as the Michigan Senate recessed for four hours before taking up a bill to increase the personal income tax by 1 percent.
"The feeling is it's gonna pass. The question is when," said Sen. Donald Bishop, R-Rochester, who is calmiy and coolly opposing the measure. "Two been here long enough to know that if the leadership wants something, they generally succeed," said the veteran of two terms in the House and three in the Senate. Bishop didn't bother to shrug.

MINUTES EARLIER, the Senate had voted to recess, after 80 minutes of routine business, until later in the atternoon. Majority Leader William Faust, D-Westland, wanted to take the Democrats into caucus. Newsmen crowded around his corner desk. Would he try for passage of the tax hise that day?

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"If we have the votes," answered a tight-lipped Fasts as he wheeled off the Senate floor.
Inside gossip was that Faust and Republican Leader Robert VanderLand were three to five votes shy of the 20 needed for passage.

TO ERASE the state budget's \$611
million deficit, Gov. William G. Milliken and legislative leaders came up with this package: \$308 million in budget cuts (approved), a 10-cent increase in the cigarette ax (signed into law), an amusements tax (defeated Wednesday in the House Taxation Committee) and a 1-percent increase in the personal inceme tax (passed by the House). Technically known as a "temporary surcharge," the income tax hike would last six months, from April 1 to Sept.

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That seemed to be part of Faust's vote-collecting problem.

"I'VE SPENT 10 days walking my district," said Sen. Doug Ross, D-Oak Park, whose 15th District includes Southfield and Farmington, in a speech Wednesday morning on the Senate

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"My constituents wonder why the governor and legislature didn't foresee" the economic downturn, he said.

"There is an overwhelming consensus the state must be pulled out of the fis-

But Ross said he would support the tax hike from 4.6 to 5.6 percent only if

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being asked to pay out more. I think my constituents are correct," Ross said.

Several senators cheered and applauded. One asked that Ross' speech be reprinted in the Senate Journal.

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"I don't doubt he's been door-to-door.
But legislators sometimes append a lot
of conditions to a bill, knowing they
won't be met," Bishop said.

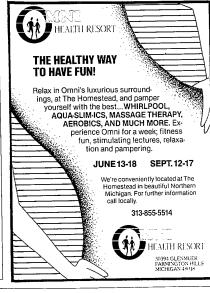


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