

Jobless benefits to run to 55 weeks

A bill to provide an additional six weeks of unemployment compensation benefits for jobless Michigan workers received final Congressional approval and went to President Ronald Reagan this week for his signature.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Carl D. Levin, D-Mich., was attached to the Surface Transportation Act. Levin said it is the only action taken by the lame-duck session of Congress that offers direct, immediate aid to millions of unemployed.

It provides states with two to six weeks more of unemployment compensation in addition to the six to 10 weeks for which they are eligible under the existing federal supplemental benefits program.

If signed, it will mean that Michigan's jobless will be eligible for up to 55 weeks of unemployment compensation.

REAGAN LAST week signed the

continuing appropriations resolution that allocates an additional \$6 million to construct a new aircraft parking apron at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens.

"This \$6 million project will provide needed jobs in one of Michigan's high unemployment areas, and it will increase the combat readiness of the Air National Guard units at Selfridge," Levin said.

He praised Michigan Congressmen Bob Trazler, David E. Bonior and Dennis M. Hertel (Democrats) and Carl D. Pursell and Robert W. Davis (Republicans) for their help in getting the appropriation approved.

The Senate unanimously passed Levin's resolution urging Japan to increase its defense spending significantly so that by 1990 it will have an effective, conventional military force capable of protecting its sea lanes out to 1,000 miles from its home islands.

Prepare for new jobs

Alternate energies wow'em at OCC

Debra Rowe, alternate energies instructor at Oakland Community College (OCC), is enthusiastic about the advantages of solar energy and energy management and new programs on these subjects at the college.

"The OCC alternate energies program gives people insight into the changing world of energy and prepares them for new jobs," Rowe said.

"Newsweek has listed solar energy and energy management as one of the

top three career growth areas, while Michigan ranks sixth in solar energy application."

CONTRARY TO popular belief, solar energy systems function effectively in Michigan because they are specifically geared to work under cloudy, as well as sunny, conditions.

Many students who have enrolled in the OCC alternate energies program find the courses especially appealing since the students have found they can recover tuition expenses in one year after instituting the energy saving ideas in their own homes.

Since no prerequisite courses are required, students range from interested homeowners to licensed builders and engineers.

OCC alternate energies courses include solar energy, wind/hydro energy systems, energy management, ground water and air, air heat pumps, and heat reclamation. State of the art information and economic analyses are also studied.

OU series begins Jan. 17

Beginning the week of Jan. 17, Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education will offer noncredit courses on current community needs, business and financial planning.

All will be offered on the main campus at Rochester with one exception: a condominium management course which will begin Jan. 26 in Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Course times range from four to six weeks; tuition from \$15 to \$95.

Detailed brochures and registration information are available from the OU

Continuing Education office at 377-3120 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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REGISTRATION for alternate energy courses will take place during OCC's regular registration period Jan. 3 and 4, and during late registration on Jan. 5-11.

Her recent involvements in the field include guest appearances on radio stations, organizing an OCC solar collector building contest for junior and senior high-school students, and coordinating the OCC Energy Fair held at the Auburn Hills Campus on Dec. 11.

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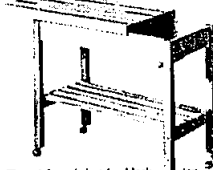
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