

# Riders fight to keep commuter train

The Detroit-to-Pontiac commuter train apparently will become as extinct as the dinosaur, despite last-minute legal maneuvering by a group of commuters opposed to SEMTA's dropping the service.

"It's very regrettable that we have to terminate any service, but we can't spend money we don't have," said Gary Krause, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) General Manager.

Krause was at the Pontiac train station late Friday on what was to have been the line's final run after more than a century of service.

Whether it was the final run was up in the air over the weekend as SEMTA attorneys scrambled to void an Oakland County circuit judge's temporary order blocking the train shut-down.

SOUTHFIELD ATTORNEY Sheldon L. Kay, representing the Michigan Association of Railroad

Passengers, Friday got a temporary restraining order from Oakland County Judge Robert Tempin preventing SEMTA from halting the train, pending a hearing before him.

Tempin first set a 9 p.m. Friday hearing for arguments, but then moved the hearing up to 9 a.m. today.

Attorneys for SEMTA used the weekend to try to overturn Tempin's ruling prohibiting SEMTA from stopping the regular Monday run.

Kay, who said his group has 250 members and is a non-profit Michigan corporation, argues that the state law establishing the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority requires it to continue the train service.

Krause said it costs SEMTA \$8,000 a day and \$40,000 a week to run the commuter train to down-

town Detroit in the morning and to the suburbs in the evening.

SEMTA's board of trustees ordered \$16 million in budget cuts Oct. 8, reducing all bus service and ending entirely the commuter train service.

SEMTA HAS SEEN its operating budget reduced by federal cutbacks of subsidies. The agency also has sought capital funds for a light rail underground line that would run all day, but has been rebuffed by political opposition.

MARP, as the association is known, handed out flyers to train passengers Friday saying the service would be continued.

"Did we do it Good?" crinkled a woman patron.

The flyer thanked patrons for "their generous support of our efforts to keep the trains running and to transform it into a model of efficiency and attractiveness."

# GOP to fight Allo confirmation

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

Republican state senators are loaded for bear, and the brain in this case is Clifford Allo, designated by Gov. James J. Blanchard to head the Workers Compensation Appeals Board.

The hunt will start at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the State Capitol. That's when Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, majority leader and chairman of the Senate Administration Committee, opens the hearing on Allo's confirmation.

The governor continues to talk in glowing terms of how he wants to improve the business climate in Michigan and of how important it is for business, labor and government to work together, said Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, noting that Democrat Blanchard "denies his close ties to the labor movement."

The case against Allo, an attorney and Birmingham resident, is that during the Legislature's 1981

reform of the workers comp system, Allo was "a vociferous opponent of these reforms who fought long and hard to prevent their passage." He then was in the employ of the United Auto Workers union.

Cruce, Sen. R. Robert Crank of Northville and other Republicans have asked Blanchard to withdraw Allo's nomination, threatening to vote against his confirmation.

WHETHER THEY will have the chance is problematical.

The deadline for taking the confirmation to a vote is only one session day away from the hearing, according to one GOP staff member. Republicans fear Faust may be able to delay the matter so that confirmation is automatic.

Procedures for a confirmation hearing are "long and involved," according to Faust.

"The committee, mostly through my personal

work, submits a set of written questions to the appointee. The appointee is then given a time period in which to respond; generally this is two weeks.

"The written responses are then reviewed — again, usually by me — and from the responses, additional questions are asked at the public hearing. This allows the Senate to have a permanent record of a public policy maker's views on important matters."

"Later, these responses can be checked against actual practices. If a senator finds this necessary."

"Additionally, I would like to point out there is a total of six appointments. While the major emphasis has been on (Allo) as chairman, several senators have asked the other appointees also be considered at a public hearing," said Faust.

Besides Faust, the committee includes Sens. John Kelly of Detroit and Gary Corbin of Clio, both Democrats, Senate Republican Leader John Engler of Mt. Pleasant and Connie Blaisfield, R-Maple City.

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By Armando Decapite

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