

Contract language baffles potential cable users

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different point of view on that," Savage said.

APPROXIMATELY 8.3 percent of the households in the three cities will not be offered cable, Bjorklund told the crowd.

"I'm a foreigner, but I thought in this

country there was a federal law against discrimination in housing," said Sandra Moore, 10 Mile Road resident. The company will install cable in areas where there are 30 homes per mile, Bjorklund said. This statement raised the loudest outcry from residents, who questioned the way MetroVision defined a mile.

One Power Street homeowner said a count of the number of homes in his area came up different from the number MetroVision got. "I suggest we fire the company if they've made a mistake," Al Smolen of Clairview said. MetroVision maintains that the cost of installing cable in less dense areas is

higher than in subdivisions with many homes. "THE INITIAL figure we got when we were bidding on the franchise indicated there would be significantly less miles to construct than was actually the case," Bjorklund said. "Undoubtedly, the most crucial element is the economics, (which is determined) by the

ratio of homes per mile." Harriet Wilner, of Pear Ridge in Farmington Hills asked if the company had changed its original plan. "There was a letter to residents saying that there would be cable in our area and some neighbors said they were getting cable and now they're (MetroVision) saying that we're not getting it," Wilner said. Bjorklund acknowledged some areas did get wired before MetroVision completed its street analysis.

"There are some places that were presumed to meet the density requirement that did not. We didn't go back, and that's what happened when we went into the 14 Mile-Farmington area," said Bjorklund. He said the company has never changed its original density requirement.

RESIDENTS claimed the cable company has renege on its oral commitment to install cable.

Because the cable commission represents 100 percent of the taxpayers in the cities, everyone should be able to get pay television installed, said Trevor Moore, a 10 Mile resident. His response was greeted by loud applause.

Another resident said the value of the home will be affected by whether MetroVision installs cable. If the wires don't go in, the value of his home will drop, he maintained.

Shirley Nuss, of 11 Mile, suggested that a fact-gathering, residents' task force be set up. Commission members asked for the names and phone numbers of people who would be interested in working on the task force.

"It's too bad this meeting couldn't have happened two weeks from now, when we will have more answers after the meetings," said Farmington City manager Robert Deadman. "If you're asking us to solve them now it will be impossible, because we don't have the owner of the company and we don't have our consultants here."

Congressmen speak out on Lebanon

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270-161 vote, extended the use of troops for another 18 months. But the number of troops was limited to the 1,600 originally sent there, and their mission must remain the same. To exceed that level, the president would have to get permission from Congress. The Senate also approved the compromise by a vote of 85-11. Michigan's two senators, Donald Riegle and Carl Levin, supported it.

VOTING AGAINST the compromise, which was signed into law by President Reagan two weeks ago, were Democratic Reps. William D. Ford of Taylor and Dennis Hertel of Detroit. Ford's 15th District includes Westland, Garden City, Canton Township and a southern portion of Livonia. Hertel represents part of Troy in the 14th District.

Ford said that if those opposed to the compromise had prevailed, the Marines would have been home by now.

"There is no worthwhile purpose for Marines to be there," he said. "Are we prepared to back one side of a multi-faceted civil war?"

Like Ford, Hertel complained that there is "no military objective for the Marines" who are "unable to protect themselves."

"Disasters of this kind are common with terrorists any place. That area (airport) was more exposed than it should have been," he said.

Expressing concern about the contingent of Marine replacements headed to Lebanon, Hertel said that the focus of Congress now would be how to get the Marines out and what U.S. foreign policy objectives are.

BUT OTHER CONGRESSMEN think that it would be a mistake to pull the Marines out immediately.

"If our Marines are going to be shot, I think we ought to get out of there... though it would be a sign of weakness to pull out immediately," Pursell said.

"As a majority of Congressmen feel that to leave at this point would sanction a terrorist act," Sander Levin said. But he added that the incident "shortens the time sequence the Lebanese have to put their house in order."

Levin criticized Schultz for putting off Congressional inquiries until after the Marine commandant returns from Lebanon. Levin called for careful analysis and candor from the administration.

Not wanting to see any further involvement of Marines, Broomfield said he hopes that "the administration

doesn't enlarge the perimeter." "We should put the men on ships, at least at night, and not have them exposed to fire," he said.

Calling the Marines hostages because they couldn't fight back, Ford said, "The purpose of the hostages being there was gone after the first Marines were killed."

All Congressmen, said Levin, have a "feeling of utter horror in the pit of our stomachs."

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