

Why Great Lakes states lack clout

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Unity, Coalition, Regional agenda. The sunbelt has political clout because of them. Why can't the Great Lakes states get together, too?

"It's difficult to achieve because of the enormous diversity in a complex industrial region," answered U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, the 2nd District congressman who once led a group called the Gypsy Moths.

"It's not like the sunbelt, where they're interested in 1) defense contracts, 2) the oil depletion allowance and, 3) tobacco subsidies and agriculture. That's about the three basic priorities of the sunbelt."

"We have about 17 major priorities,"

said Pursell, whose current project is selling the lakes states, Canada, the Reagan Administration and Congress on a \$1 billion-plus modernization of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

PURSELL WAS asked about a remark at the Congress on the Economic Future of the Great Lakes that lakes state congressional delegations "are the easiest ones to rile" because they lack cohesion.

"In all honesty, I think it's an excellent point because of the diversity," he said. He added that there is a generation gap in the Michigan delegation.

"The junior members are attracted to these regional ideas, and the senior members are somewhat reluctant because they've been targeting their fields of expertise. I'm not criticizing that. It's the nature of the game."

"Democrats and Republicans think an awful lot alike in the sunbelt, but we

don't see that up in our region. We have major philosophical differences within our delegation."

Pursell was interviewed by a panel of reporters for the Nov. 27 "Spotlight on News" program on WKYC-TV (Ch. 7).

Afterwards he observed, "I walk into the Capitol restaurant every Tuesday, and there's the Georgia delegation meeting for breakfast." He said the Michigan delegation has rarely met as a unit since the Chrysler loan package bills of three years ago.

OF THE SEAWAY, Pursell said interest is picking up in his modernization proposal. It involves building a second lock at Sault Ste. Marie capable of handling 1,000-foot ships and parallel locks on the St. Lawrence River to accommodate two-way traffic.

"The Canadians feel it's an opportunity to modernize the Seaway because

it's 25 years old. Fact is, the Midwest must modernize the Seaway if we're going to be able to compete in the world marketplace. Farmers, manufacturers and new industrial leaders are looking to the Seaway as a chance to move their products to the export market."

"The (U.S. Army) Corps of Engineers has a congressional study under way. We're in phase II of that. Our decision should be completed in 1986, and I'm interested in the United States' being ready to meet the Canadian government rather than being behind," he said.

Pursell referred to Canada's decision in the early 1950s to go ahead with the locks to enable ocean-going ships to reach the Great Lakes — with or without U.S. involvement. With then-Congressman George Dowd, R-Royal Oak, leading the way, the U.S., after

decades of debate, agreed in 1954 to join the project.

PURSELL SAW no danger to the project from French-speaking Quebec's threats to separate from English-speaking Canada — quite the opposite.

"They're making a recommendation to their (Quebec) premier in the next two months to participate, and I think they will."

In a separate interview, Pursell was asked about a criticism concerning railroads. A Plymouth resident argued that the railroads surrounding the Great Lakes — including those, like Grand Trunk, in Michigan — are owned by Canadians who won't be eager to see Great Lakes ports soak up the railroads' freight business.

"The point is well taken," Pursell nodded. "Canada has integrated its rails to the Seaway. We don't do that. Our rail people are not integrated into the system."

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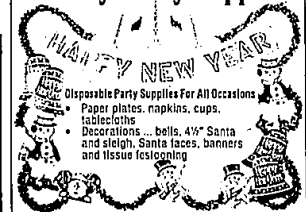
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