

# How Your Lawmakers Voted On Taxes

**By DENNIS L. PAJOT**

Observerland legislators passed a property tax credit repeal bill that passed both houses last week. It was a local victory for Gov. Milliken's education reform package of state school aid proposals.

The bill essentially allows a \$2 million increase in state income tax support for schools through reduction of property tax credits.

It was one of three school aid measures passed Friday, the only one to have final effect with the expected governor's signature, and the only one (as of Monday) to have approval of both houses of the Legislature.

ALL 11 LOCAL legislators voted in the bill the same day, as the Senate whittled it through in 15 minutes after receiving the House endorsement.

The vote was one more than needed in both Houses, 37-48 in the House and 21-12 in the Senate.

Aiding passage were Reps. John Bennett (D-34th District), Marvin Stempien (D-35th), Vincent Pettipren (D-37th), Albert Kramer (D-67th); and Sen. William Faust (D-13th) and George Kuhn (R-14th).

Opposing were Reps. Richard Young (D-33rd), James Tierney (D-36th), Raymond Baker (R-64th); and Sens. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-12th) and Sander Levin (D-15th).

Sen. Kuhn's vote on the measure wasn't recorded, but he voted "aye" seventh in the roll call.

This bill is the much-discussed basic financing plan upon which the governor's intended transfer of major school support to the state from local taxation hinged.

The first is very likely to be popular and is among those measures proposed by the governor's reform plan. It asks that local property taxation be limited to 15 mills for basic school operational support, with an option for local districts to levy up to four mills more for local school enrichment.

Most school districts are currently levying 28 mills, or more.

Only the House has voted in the resolution and passed it in the Senate Friday, 91-0.

In support were Reps. Young, Bennett, Stempien, Tierney, Pettipren, and Baker. Rep. Kramer voted against it.

The THIRD vote in the House approved, 77-2, a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to charge Michigan's income tax trough flat rate to graduated system used by the federal income tax. Republicans, in control of the Senate, are expected to kill the measure.

In favor were Reps. Young, Stempien, Tierney, Pettipren, and Kramer. Baker was opposed. Bennett was recorded as not voting.

Action is expected this week on the companion school aid program for which the financing bill was drafted, and which includes the specific terms for parochialism.

COMPLEXITY of the financing package makes it difficult for anyone to read exactly why their legislators voted for or against. All are facing election battles this fall and can be expected to have answers for the inevitable questions, however.

Yours are as follows:

Rep. Young (D-DeARBORN Heights) represents northeastern Westland and two precincts in southern Livonia.

Rep. Bennett (D-Redford Township) represents only Redford Township.

Rep. Stempien (D-Livonia) represents most of Livonia and Northville.

Rep. Tierney (D-Garden City) represents northwest part of Westland, Plymouth and Canton.

Rep. Pettipren (D-Westland) represents the southern portion of Westland.

Rep. Baker (R-Farmington) represents Farmington, the western half of Southfield and Lathrup Village.

Rep. Kramer (D-Eastern Oak) represents eastern half of Southfield.

Sen. Beebe (R-DeARBORN Heights) represents Redford Township also.

Sen. Kuhn (R-West Bloomfield) represents Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

Sen. Faust (D-Westland) represents Garden City, Westland and Canton.

Sen. Levin (D-Berkley) represents Southfield and Lathrup Village.



FRED L. HARRIS, Farmington attorney and candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 19th District, was one of 2,600 persons who cheered and met Sen. Edward M. Kennedy when he spoke in Southfield. At right is Jane Hart, wife of Sen. Philip Hart, beneficiary of Kennedy's visit and the \$35-a-couple gala. (Observer photo)

## Labor Backing Harris In 19th

Fred Harris of Farmington has the endorsement of the AFL-CIO Council of Metropolitan Detroit as he vies for the Democratic nomination to run for the 19th District U.S. Congress.

Harris is competing with H. Patrick O'Neill of Livonia, Frank Z. Adell of Novi, Daniel A. Barresi of Livonia and Ron Hecker of Livonia in the Democratic primary.

The winner will face incumbent two-term Republican Jack McDonald of Farmington.

The endorsement of Harris was no surprise. Harris is an attorney with offices in Detroit; he is president of an electrical workers union local; he has served some years on the Wayne County AFL-CIO board.

In the 18th District, August Scholle, retiring president of the AFL-CIO, won an endorsement over Annetta Miller and James Pisman, who are also seeking the Democratic nomination. Incumbent is Republican William S. Broomfield of Royal Oak.

IN OTHER area races, the AFL-CIO endorsed:

- Paul Kadish, unopposed candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 14th State Senate district. Incumbent is Republican George Kuhn, who is being challenged by three others in the GOP primary.
- Howard Fried, candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 64th House District which includes Farmington.

Oakland County Commission: 13th, none; 14th, Alexander Perinoff; 15th, Lawrence Pernick; 16th, no Democratic candidate; 17th, no Democratic candidate; 18th, Henry Kroliec.

The executive board of the metropolitan council will consider such districts as the 13th District county commissioner where no local district endorsements were made by COPE (Committee on Political Education), James M. Brennan is the Democratic incumbent in that district, which includes part of Southfield.

KADISH HAS NO part opposition in the 14th State Senate District, which includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Ypsilanti in Wayne County and the western half of Oakland County. Kadish also received the Livonia New Democratic Coalition (NDC) endorsement.

Fried of Walled Lake is preferred over Leonard P. Baruch of Southfield in the 64th State House Race. Republican Ray Baker's district which includes Farmington and part of Southfield.

## McDonald, Ford Vote To Override

None of Observerland's congressmen sided with President Richard Nixon's veto of the Hill-Burton hospital construction bill.

Two deliberately opposed the president's intention of cutting construction to fight inflation.

Rep. Jack McDonald (R-19th District) and William Ford (D-15th) voted Thursday to override the veto, which the House did, 279-98.

Rep. Marvin Eseh (R-2nd District) didn't vote, being back in his district on a prior commitment.

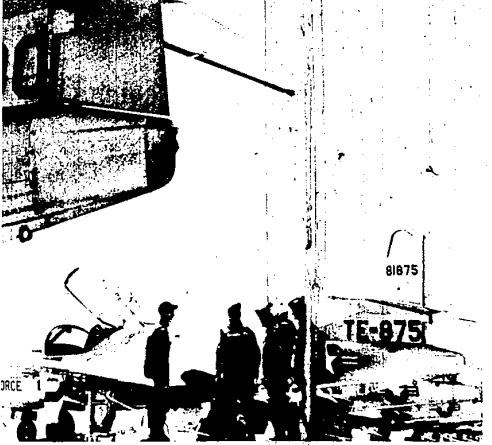
HOUSE DEMOCRATS amassed almost unanimously against the veto and were supported by 67 Republicans, some of whom, like McDonald, had prior records of allegiance to the White House.

A McDonald aide said he helps sustain the construction funding because he feels a rise in hospital costs may be at least partially attributable to limited facilities, and that new construction might overcome it.

Ford issued a lengthy statement defending the Hill-Burton bill and blasting the Nixon veto.

He cited the same reason as McDonald for desiring stepped up construction. He stated that medical and health costs have risen 12 per cent in the past year.

"I fully recognize," said Ford, "the serious and severe problems that inflation is causing for the people of this nation! But I would not agree to fight inflation at the expense of the sick and injured."



A PUBLIC EXHIBIT -- The U.S. Air Force will provide a free display of two of its popular fighter planes from July 6 through 11 at Loring Mall, Seven Mile and Middle Belt. The Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Merchants Association are cooperating in the display to help observe the City of Livonia's 20th anniversary. On exhibit will be a full-sized aircraft that has been painted to represent a camouflaged A-37 tactical fighter on one side and an A-37 trainer model on the other.

## Bob McClellan Joins Observer On News Desk

Between newspaper assignments, McClellan was a freelance writer and wrote numerous illustrated articles for trade journals and business publications.

He was graduated from Wayne High in 1951 where he starred in football, basketball and track. He attended Wayne State and Eastern Michigan Universities.

Robert F. McClellan, former managing editor of the Associated Newspaper group with years of experience in the trade journal and business publications.

Announcement of McClellan joining the Observers was made Tuesday by Publisher Philip H. Power.

"The addition of Bob McClellan to our staff is another step in the direction of making the Observer Newspaper Inc. editorial department the finest in the community newspaper field in Michigan.

"We feel he will give our group added editorial direction and do a great deal to aid in our goal of making the Observers the best papers of their kind in the state," Power said.

McClellan, 37, who will be quartered with the central editorial staff in the Plymouth offices, started in the newspaper business in 1957 as suburban editor of the Dearborn Guide.

Later he joined the Royal Oak Tribune as a reporter and copy reader.

McClellan was employed by the Associated Newspapers Inc. for five years in various capacities. He was managing editor when he left in November 1969.



BOB McCLELLAN On News Desk

## NDC Announces Primary Slate

The Livonia New Democratic Coalition (NDC) has officially endorsed five candidates seeking Democratic party nominations in the August primary.

Conspicuously absent from the endorsements is any for the state House race in the 35th District in which incumbent Democrat Marvin R. Stempien is seeking re-election. Stempien has no primary competition, but NDC's are endorsing others without competition.

Topping the NDC list, in fact, is U.S. Senator Philip Hart, unopposed.

As decided several weeks ago, the Livonia NDC is endorsing Zolton Ferency in a bid against two other Democrats.

The endorsements were officially enacted by the Livonia NDC meeting Thursday, June 23, according to Livonia NDC secretary-treasurer and former chairman Paul Endicott.

Paul Kadish, unopposed for the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican incumbent 14th District State Sen. George Kuhn, got the NDC nod.

Larry Vandermolten has the endorsement for 26th District Wayne County Commissioner from among a field of three Democrats.

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## Area Senators Back Vote At 18

All four Observer area state senators voted for passage of the proposal to lower the voting age to 18 this week, shortly after President Richard Nixon signed into effect a federal law doing the same thing.

Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-12th District), William Faust (D-13th), George Kuhn (R-14th) and Sander Levin (D-15th) thus helped passage of a joint resolution previously passed by the Michigan House.

On a companion proposal, to allow 18-year-olds to serve in county, state and national political delegations, Mrs. Beebe, Faust and Levin helped pass. Kuhn voted against it.

IN THE STATE HOUSE this week area representatives meanwhile voted on two important measures.

One, to restrict the hours an employer could force an employee to work overtime to a total of 34 hours a week, was approved 77-22 and sent to the senate.

Reps. Richard Young (D-33rd District), John Bennett (D-34th), Marvin Stempien (D-35th), and Albert Kramer (D-67th) voted for it. Rep. Raymond Baker (R-64th) voted against it. Rep. James Tierney (D-36th) didn't vote.

On a much amended state aid to higher education appropriation bill, which passed but was held up for a reconsideration vote, area House members split, 3-2.

Voting it were Reps. Bennett, Stempien and Tierney. Against were Young, Baker and Kramer.

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Wednesday, July 8  
and Friday, July 10  
Schoolcraft College  
Auditorium of the Liberal Arts Bldg.  
Haggerty Road - South of Seven Mile  
Tickets: Purchase at door  
Donation: \$1.50

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## McDonald Asks More Troop Cuts

U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R-19th District) is drawing criticism for a recent "quick switch" to a dove position on the Vietnam War after steadfastly supporting President Nixon's decision to send troops into Cambodia.

McDonald, whose district represents Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington, all communities with vocal "peace" organizations, explained his current stance in a recent news release.

"The president's strategic Vietnam, in the past has received my support. I feel that under the present circumstances the Cambodia action was proper, and done under the constitution powers given to the president."

"However," said McDonald, "I repeat plans call for a force of 215,000 American servicemen in Vietnam at the end of next April. I do not support this."

He said: "I deplore the threat of Communism in Southeast Asia. But I abhor much more the death and destruction caused by this tedious and arduous battle for a peace which will never be achieved."

McDONALD REPORTED, "Last month I introduced a resolution into the House of Representatives which limits 1971 defense expenditures in South Vietnam to only that amount required to carry out the sale and orderly withdrawal of all American combat and support troops by the end of fiscal year 1971."

The resolution has yet to come to a vote.

McDonald explained, "Before I introduced the resolution, I sent a personal letter to the President outlining my plans, and an explanation of why I felt this action is necessary."

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