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A FOURTH amendment barely lost.
52-51

Sparks said he opposes a U.S. constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion because "that choice should be left to the individual. But I am opposed to Medicaid funding" of abortions. He

REP. LYN BANKS, R-Livonia
voted against the measure, saying, "I
don't want to sound pro-abortion, but
it's too extreme. We've got to put some
thing in it (Medicaid funding). We've

"I know I'll be one of the targets for Right to Life in two years. I did what I believe in, and what the people in my district think is best," the first-term lawmaker said.

Banker said Griffin, the bill's sponsor, wanted a "show of strength" that produced a "bandwagon" effect. She predicted the vote to override Blanchard's veto would be 40-10.

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