

Senate OKS statewide banking

Gov. James J. Blanchard is certain to sign into law the first major reform of banking in Michigan in 45 years.

Sponsored by state Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, the bill would allow statewide branch banking and in three years permit interstate banking.

"I am pleased with the bipartisan support for this agreement and the broad support it has received from co-sponsors and the banking industry," said Blanchard, who vetoed an earlier ver-

sion of the bill last spring.

THE STATE Senate Wednesday gave the bill 31-2 support. Area Sens. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, William Faust, D-Westland, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Richard Fowler, R-West Bloomfield, Robert Geake, R-Northville, Patrick McCollough, D-Dearborn, and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, all supported it.

Earlier the House gave it 99-1 approval.

Disenters in both houses complained about the shortness of time to consider the 46-page bill once it was reported out of committee rather than about its content.

"The legislation is well balanced and will allow the banking industry to become more efficient, diversify geographically and provide more convenient banking services," said Blanchard. "It will increase competition in local banking markets by providing more

banking alternative to consumers, and it will provide new sources for capital for Michigan businesses."

The governor praised Keith, who has worked on the legislation more than 10 years; Sen. Richard Posthumus, R-Lowell, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee; state Commerce Director Doug Rose, former state senator from Southfield, and Eugene Kutby, West Bloomfield, commissioner of the state Financial Institutions Bureau.

Multiples lead housing rebound

A rise in residential construction in Southeastern Michigan was led by a boom in multiple-family units during the first six months of 1985.

Of 9,946 residential building permits issued between January and June, multiple family permits accounted for 5,150 — more than half.

Issuance of multiple permits rose 115 percent over the previous year. During the same period of 1984, there were 2,400 permits issued, according to the survey of seven counties done by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

TOP 10 communities in the region included Farmington Hills, first with 947 units; Novi, second with 865; Southfield, third with 534; Rochester Hills, fourth with 524.

They were followed by Sterling Heights (Macomb County), 475; Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County), 440; West Bloomfield Township (Oakland), 420.

Thus, four of the top 10 communities in the region were in Oakland County.

The apartment-building boom was led by Novi in western Oakland, which issued the highest number of multiple-family permits, 743.

Total residential permits — including single-family, two-family and multi-family homes — rose by 66 percent over the same period in 1984.

Six of seven area counties showed increases. The exception was Monroe County, which experienced a 15 percent decline in permits issued.

• The city of Rochester Hills (formerly Avon Township) led the region in single-family permits with 444.

• Regionwide, single-family permits rose by 34 percent with 4,695 permits compared to 3,503 in the first half of 1984.

The report noted that Southeast Michigan "appears to be on the road to economic recovery." It cited factors such as lower interest rates and decreases in unemployment rates for fostering growth in the region's housing industry.

OAKLAND COUNTY communities in the Observer & Eccentric area reported these totals:

• Beverly Hills: net gain of 35 units — six single-family permits; 20 multi-family permits; and minus one demolition permit.

• Bingham Farms: five single-family permits.

• Birmingham: net gain of nine units — 11 single-family permits; minus two demolition permits.

• Bloomfield Hills: 10 single-family permits.

• Bloomfield Township: 100 single-family per-

mits, minus four demolition permits, for a net gain of 96 units.

• Farmington Hills: seven single-family permits.

• Farmington Hills: net gain of 940 units — 339 single-family, 605 multi-family, minus seven demolitions.

• Lathrup Village: 48 single-family permits.

• Oakland Township: 44 single-family permits, minus one demolition permit for a net gain of 43 units.

• Rochester Hills: net gain of 521 units — 444 single-family permits, 80 multi-family permits, minus three demolition permits.

• Southfield: net gain of 523 units — five single-family permits, two two-family permits, 527 multi-family, minus six demolitions.

• Troy: net gain of 377 units — 290 single-family permits, eight two-family permits, no multi-family permits, minus 21 demolition permits.

• West Bloomfield Township: net gain of 410 — 135 single-family permits, 285 multi-family permits, minus one demolition.

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10 a.m. — Musical Entertainment: Enjoy traditional holiday tunes performed by four choirs, as well as a caravan of wandering minstrels and revelers.

11 a.m. — Santa's Arrival: Be on hand for Santa's arrival, complete with a parade, escorted by WXYZ-TV Channel 7's Doris Biscoe.

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