

Shield, right to tape bills passed by Senate

News broadcasters won back-to-back victories in the state Legislature.

The Senate Tuesday passed bills granting them "shield" protection and guaranteeing the right to tape and film governmental meetings.

Observer & Executive area Sens. Doug Cruse, R-Troy; Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills; Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield; R. Robert Gagne, R-Northville; Patrick McCollough, D-Deerborn; and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, all supported both bills.

Absent was Sen. William Faust, D-Westland.

THE SHIELD bill slid through 32-0 after months of argument. It goes back to the House for concurrence in amendments.

Current law allows print reporters to protect the identity of informants. The new measure, sponsored by Rep. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, extends the right to protect the identity, conversation and documents received from an informant to any "other person involved in the gathering or preparation of news."

The right is limited in the case of "capital crimes" where life imprisonment could be imposed, said Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-Dewitt, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In those cases, a county prosecutor would have to show he exhausted all other means to get required evidence.

Capital crimes include:

- First- and second-degree murder.

Rep. Willis Bullard's bill expands the Open Meetings Act by saying: 'The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape record, to videotape, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting.'

- First-degree criminal sexual conduct.
- Assault with intent to kill and assault with intent to commit armed robbery.
- Bank robbery and safe-cracking.
- Some kidnappings.
- Delivery, manufacture or possession of 650 or more grams of heroin, opium, methadone or cocaine.

THE BILL grew out of the Brad Stone case in Detroit. Stone, a producer for WJBR-TV, prepared a story on teen gangs, promising them anonymity. In violation of station policy, Stone failed to destroy the unused videotape.

A month later, an off-duty State Police trooper was shot to death at Hart Plaza. A grand jury investigating the murder subpoenaed Stone's unused videotapes although they were filmed prior to the murder. Prosecutors argued that a suspect had altered his appearance and might be identified if he appeared in Stone's unused videotapes.

Stone refused and went to jail briefly. His case is before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

THE SECOND bill could have impact on local governments which have refused to allow videotaping or recording of their meetings without permission. The bill, by Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, amends the Open Meetings Act by expanding the definition of a right to attend a public meeting.

It passed 35-0 and goes to Gov. James J. Blanchard for his signature.

It provides: "The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape record, to videotape, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting."

"The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body. However, a public body may establish reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting."

The House passed the measure last March, but the Senate didn't take it up until the post-election session.

Joachim heads tourist association

Joseph D. Joachim, director of the Oakland County Economic Development Group, has been elected chairman of the 250-member Travel and Tourist Association of Southeast Michigan.

It is made up of public and private organizations joined together to promote tourism in the 11-county region. The association is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

Betty Rahaley, owner of D-Tours of Birmingham, has been elected to the position of vice chair. Oscar Socia, president of the Citizens State Savings Bank in New Baltimore, has been re-elected as the association's treasurer.

Hundreds of

MUSIC BOXES

Special Place!

11165 Eureka Rd. Southgate 283-8790

50th Anniversary Sale

Smiley Brothers

"A TRUSTED NAME IN MUSIC"

Kimball Grand \$2995 now, made in USA
Detroit 875-7100
5510 Woodward
Daily 9-5, Closed Sun.

Birmingham 647-1177
3010 N. Hunter
Open Sun. 1-5

For All Window Treatments:

SHOP-AT-HOME SERVICE!

WE WILL BEAT YOUR BEST DEAL - OR IT'S FREE!

VERTICALS • MINI-BLINDS • WOOD BLINDS
PLEATED SHADES • WOOD SHUTTERS • DRAPERIES

7-DAY SERVICE
On Vertical Blinds

FREE INSTALLATION
On Order Over \$200

FREE ESTIMATES
By An Expert Decorator

VERTICAL BLINDS
50% to 80% OFF!
Custom-made in your choice of hundreds of the latest colors, styles and materials!
Finest Quality! Fastest Service!

SHOP-AT-HOME FREE! CALL: 357-4710

Visit Our Big, New Showroom In Southfield!
We're Located In The Farmer Jack Center
29702 SOUTHFIELD ROAD Southfield Plaza 357-4710

HOUSE OF SHUTTERS and Draperies
...since 1959

PARAMETRIC HILLS: 31205 Eureka Rd. (at 10th St.) 855-6972
STURGEON MOUNTAIN: 12754 Van Dyke Ave. (at 10th St.) 730-5210
ST. CLAIR SHORES: 14000 Eureka Rd. (at 10th St.) 977-1410
TROY: 10000 Eureka Rd. (at 10th St.) 977-1410
NOV. 1986: 10000 Eureka Rd. (at 10th St.) 977-1410
ANN ARBOR: 10000 Eureka Rd. (at 10th St.) 977-1410

INCREDIBLE LIMITED TIME OFFER!

FREE \$500⁰⁰

UNITED STATES SAVINGS BOND!

With the Purchase of Either:



PULSE
FURNACE

- Low maintenance, energy saving
- Nearly twice as efficient as older furnaces because it operates on an entirely different principle
- The only furnace with the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, your assurance of quality and reliability
- KAST will guarantee heat the same day as installation



OR LENNOX HS19 Air Conditioner

- The most efficient single speed model made by Lennox
- Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) up to 12... extremely efficient
- One of the quietest, most rugged and advanced units on the market
- 45% reduction in operating costs compared to units 7 years old or older
- Blows out control to protect compressor

9.9% FINANCING AVAILABLE*
90 DAYS TILL FIRST PAYMENT
Hurry, offer expires within 30 days!
*To Qualified Buyers


PLUS - A Trion TRIM T Electronic Air Cleaner for only \$299⁰⁰ (installed)
PLUS - A White-Rodgers 7-Day Programmable "Set-Back" Thermostat for only \$99⁰⁰ (installed)

Get either or both with purchase of either the Lennox Pulse Furnace or HS19 Air Conditioner.

Call Us For a FREE Energy Analysis of Your Home or Business.
We've been keeping families like yours comfortable for 50 years.

KAST Heating & Cooling
BIRMINGHAM 642-7150 ROYAL OAK 542-3850 PONTIAC 338-9255

Make the KAST call your LAST call!



TRAPPERS ALLEY

T RAPPERS ALLEY IS MORE THAN YOU EVER EXPECTED AT CHRISTMAS.

FASHION STORES, UNIQUE BOUTIQUES & ETHNIC RESTAURANTS.

VALIDATED VALET PARKING* & GREEKTOWN.

* 2 Hours Free Parking with \$10 purchase or more. Late Fee Parking Lot adjacent to Trappers Alley. Excluding Fridays and Saturdays after 7 p.m. Good 11/25/86 thru 12/24/86.

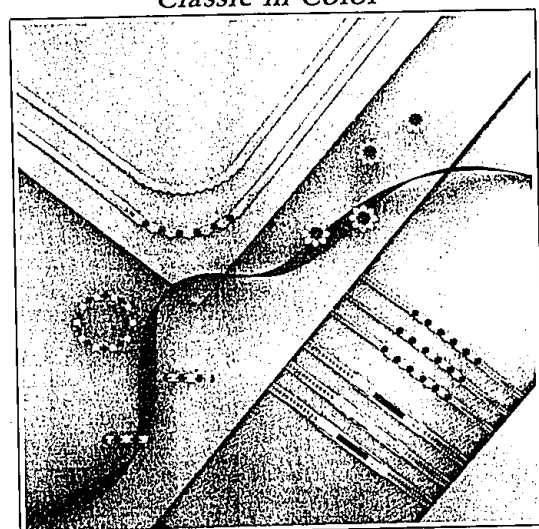
Holiday Gift Wrapping & Shipping Available.
Visit Santa Everyday at his Village on the 3rd Level.
Brunch with Santa. Call 963-5445 for details.

Beat the Mallitis Syndrome — Wrap up your Christmas at Trappers Alley!

Shopping Hours
MON-THURS 10 AM TO 9 PM
FRI-SAT 10 AM TO MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY 12 NOON TO 9 PM

Monroe & Beaubien • Greektown, Detroit • 963-5445

Classic in Color



See our outstanding selection of necklaces, bracelets, earrings and pins, set with dazzling precious stones. Priced designs from \$745.

GREENSTONE'S

Creators of fine jewelry for over 60 years

528 North Woodward • Birmingham • 4 Blocks North of Maple • 642-2650

Holiday Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 9:30-6:00, Thurs. until 8:00 • Saturday until 5:00 • Major Credit Cards Welcome