On the ballot?

House to vote on anti-abortion plan

There's a chance Michigan voters will have a crack at the state-funded abortions question next April 6. It will depend on a House vote this

week.

Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, outlined how a compromise
deal struck last week in a HouseSenate conference committee would

scale conference committee would work:

• House Democratic leaders gave a little by agreeing to let the House vote on placing Geake's Proposal Von the ballot, it's a constitutional amendment banning governmental fanding for both Medicals.

posal V on the ballot. It's a constitu-tional amendment banning govern-mental funding for both Medicaid abortions and for health insurance programs for state, college and local governmental employees.

• Medicaid programs involving abortions would be funded through March 31, the week before the state referendum. That means abortions would be funded for the first half of the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

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IT'S NOT a surrender by House Democratic leaders, said Geake.

"They only agreed to allow House members to vote on it (Proposal V). Speaker Gary Owen (D-Ypsillant) will be working to defeat it.

"But for two weeks in a row, they had adjourned the House for a week rather than letting them vote on it," he said.

Anti-abortion lawmakers are confident they can get enough representatives of both parties for a two-linet's vote to place Geake's proposal on the ballot at the same time as many eitles hold spring elections.

"But If the resolution fails (in the House), a study committee kicks in to try to work out something the March 31," he said. The panel work March 31," he said. The panel work house, a study committee kicks in to try to work out something the month of the panel work in the panel wo

can on the Senate social services ap-propriations subcommittee, didn't know who would be appointed. The House met for about an hour last Tuesday, adjourned and sched-uled no further sessions the rest of the week. It will meet next at 10 a.m. this Tuesday.

SENATE CORRIDORS, the gal-SERVIE CONTIDORS, the gar-lery and back stairs were jammed Tuesday morning as Local 79 of the Service Employees International Union sought to pressure Senate GOP leaders to pass the Medicald

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Local 79 represents workers in 453 long-term nursing care facilities which treat Medicaid patients. They fear "payless paydays." They also fear financial strain on health care providers who are treat-ing more than 900,000 Medicaid pa-

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tients without a cash flow from the state.
Union and health-care providers insist Geake and the Senate are hold-ing the Medicald budget hostage to get their ballot proposal before vot-

ers.
"I sympathize with the employees," Geake said. "But their demonstration is misdirected. The Senate
passed the bill and sent it to the
House." They should have gone to the

HOUSE LEADERS, such as Owen, and Gov. James J. Blanchard oppose Geake's ballot proposal.
Agnes Mansour, outgoing director of the state Department of Society Services, which administers' Medicare, would agree to a ballot proposal, but not at a special election. State Rep. Judith Miller, R-Birningham, is flatly against a ballot proposal.

"When we're at an Impasse, we should have to work it through," she said in her office. "The cost of a special election is \$5 million. Where's that going to come from? By magic out of the sky?

Miller has supported Medicald funding of abortions, as have three-fourths of women legislators, re-aractless of party.

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MILLER ALSO objects that the proposal which Geake wants to put before voters is far broader than Medicald abortions — that woold of the proposal with the proposal with the proposal was a supposed to the proposal with the proposal was a supposed to the proposal was a supposed to

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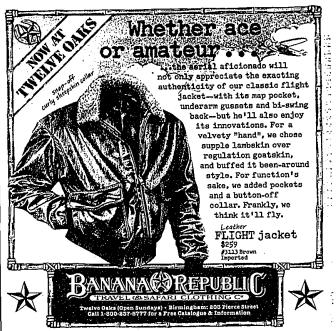


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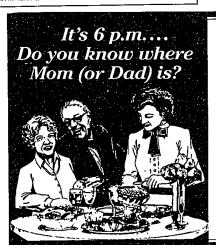
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