The tourism industry is asking vo-ter support for a petition drive to re-quire that schools' summer vacation be extended past Labor Day week-

oe extended past Labor Day week-end.
..."It would have a great deal of im-pact on family travel. Tourism is Michigan's second largest industry," said Fred Wszolek, executive direc-tor of the Say Yes to Michigan Tour-ism Committee.

The committee held a news con-ference Wednesday in Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills, where owner John Anhut gave, strong support to the drive called "Extend Your Michigan Summer."

Other local supporters are Joseph Joachim, Oakland County's director of economic development; the Livo-nia-based Michigan Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Associa-tion and the Michigan Boating Indus-try Association.

REQUIRING K-12 schools to start classes after Labor Day would affect about 48 percent of public school and the start of public school and the start of public school schools are start of public schools and more flexible vacation season, it will help young people hald summer Jobs, he added. A Mackinac Island our boat company word thire young-sters who have to be back in school before Labor Day, he said.

The Michigan Travel Bureau estimates spending on tourism would be increased by \$25 million at least,

Wszołek said, citing a similar law in Arkansas that stimulated \$29 million in tourism. Polis show two-thirds of Michiganians support such a mea-

sure.
Other news conferences were scheduled in Lansing, Filnt, Grand Rapids, Traverse City and Mackinaw City.

SPONSOR OF the measure is Rep. John Pridnia, R-Alpena, who found his bill stalled in the House Education Committee chaired by

Rep. William Keith. D-Garden City.
"That was due to the opposition of
the Michigan Education Association," Wszolek sald.
The Say yes to Michigan Tourism
Committee is headquartered at 115
W. Allegal, Lansing 48933. 1% a political action committee supported
by such business groups as the State
Chamber of Commerce and the
Southeast Michigan Tourist Association.
"We have 180 days to collect
192,000 signatures," Wszolek sald.

Requiring K-12 schools to start classes after Labor Day would affect about 48 percent of public school students, give families longer vacation seasons and help young people hold summer jobs, sponsors



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