proval of a penny increase in the sales tax to 5 cents. But he showed his coolness to the idea by advocating: • A ballot Issue for \$800 million in general obligation bonds for polity tion control, solid waste handling and tozic dump cleanups as a lirst priority. • Saying, through Bowman, he would "keep an open mind" on a shift to a sales tax as steps behind it quality improvements and 2) relating loopholes' to bring in \$250 million in new revenue. • But that tax shift idea is losing far that shift idea is a sales tax as test passed to the federal form in Larsing. • Supplied to the fine the showed in the sales tax. The sales tax friday. • Supplied to the fine the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax friday is the sales tax. The sales tax friday is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax friday is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax is the sales tax. The sales tax is Blanchard, GOP boost school 'quality'

There's a stampede of interest in educational quality. And to hear Republican legislators tell it, Gov. James J. Blanchard is following the parade, not leading it. Property tax reform is low on the State Capitol agenda. "Some worship at the altar of perpupil spending," said treasurer Roberts Governor's economic right arm, in a scoffing tone.

nor's economic rigin action in the most one "But quality means quality, not spending per pupil. We can achieve it without going to the ballot. A one-cent sales tax increase is not proposed in the State or the State message," Bowman told the Lansing press corps in a mid-Wednesday briefing.

press corps in a mid-Wednesday briefing. "He's not putting a sales tax in-crease on the table," said press sec-retary Tom Scott.

TWO OAKLAND County lawmakers were unhappy that Blanchard

tiled to address the wide disparity etween revenue available to rich chool districts like Birmingham and outhfield versus poorer and rural

aveen revenue availistricis.

"We need to come to grips with the growing disparity." said Sen. Rudy Nichols. R-Waterford, auction of plan to reduce school property axes and pump more state money into education.

"It's like something out of Dickers." A Tale of Two Cities—rich and poor school districts.

"We're in agreement on quality." said the second: "We're in agreement on quality." "Showing some irritation, Faxon said he's "the longest serving legislator in school activity, and he (Blanchard) has yet to talk to me about it." Faxon was first elected to the House in 1964.

"BLANCHARD DIDN'T absolutely "a door on seeking voter ap-

"We're in agreement and accountability," said the second-term senator.
Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, said Blanchard is "avoiding the issue of Michigan's extremely high property taxes and the need for constitutional changes and legislative changes that would give relief."

But Faxon added, "I don't think he could have. I don't think there's a consensus in the educational community."

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