

# Senate passes full college bias ban bill

Here's how Michigan's two U.S. senators voted on major issues during the opening week of the second session of the 100th Congress. There were no House votes.

## Roll Call Report

and Donald Riegle voted yes.

**NEWS MEDIA OWNERSHIP** — By a vote of 60 for and 30 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment in behalf of Rupert Murdoch's bid to continue owning both newspaper and television properties in New York and Boston.

The amendment to S 557 (above) sought to preserve Murdoch's exemption from the Federal Communications Commission ban on "cross-ownership" of broadcast operations and newspapers in the same market. He owns the New York Post and WNYW in New York and the Boston Herald and WFXT in Boston.

The FCC waiver applies only to Murdoch and would end under a 1987 law now being temporarily stayed by a federal court. Murdoch says that if the law stands, he will put the New York Post up for sale and prob-

he does not want the FCC "to buckle before the onslaught of a powerful special interest named Rupert Murdoch."

Murdoch supporter Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., said ending the FCC waiver "will suppress . . . robust, wide-open debate in the Boston and New York media markets."

Senators voting yes were opposed to the pro-Murdoch amendment. Levin and Riegle voted yes.

**ABORTION AMENDMENT** — By a vote of 56 for and 39 against, the Senate attached anti-abortion language to the bill (S 557) extending the reach of federal anti-discrimina-

tion laws (above).

Under the language, the new civil rights legislation could not be used to require colleges and universities to perform or pay for abortions. Senators voting yes favored the anti-abortion amendment. Levin voted yes and Riegle voted no.

**CIVIL RIGHTS BILL** — By a vote of 75 for and 14 against, the Senate passed and sent to the House a civil rights bill (S 557) outlawing all forms of discrimination in all operations of colleges and universities that receive federal aid.

This would undo a 1984 Supreme Court ruling, in a case involving Grove City College in Pennsylvania, that the federal law banning sex discrimination applies only to the specific campus program receiving federal aid, not to the entire institution.

Supporter John Kerry, D-Mass., said "let us reaffirm our commitment to civil rights in 1988."

Opponent Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the bill "authorizes a dramatic, radical increase in the jurisdiction of the federal government."

Senators voting yes favored the bill. Michigan Democrats Carl Levin

## Bush hails his 'big clear win'

AP — Vice President Bush hailed a "big clear win" in the battle for the first 1988 Republican convention delegates, but Pat Robertson denounced the Michigan results and refused to accept them.

The former television evangelist flew to Grand Rapids to address his followers who were holding what they called "the legal convention of the Michigan Republican Party."

Final tally at the GOP state convention was 37 delegates for Bush, 32 for Kemp and 8 for Robertson.

The Robertson supporters claimed a far different count from their own convention: 43 delegates for Robertson, 21 for Kemp and 13 for Bush.

as his supporters chanted, "We want Pat, We want Pat."

"What we have seen in Michigan," he said, "is an attempt by a few to mislead a vast number to maintain control of their petty little political fiefdoms and, in the process, they have been willing to destroy the Republican Party of Michigan."

Asked about the Robertson statement, Bush campaign aide Rich Bond said, "It sounds like sour grapes to me."

Robertson called on state party chairman Spencer Abraham "and other supporters of George Bush" to "sit down at the table to heal our wounds."

**THE DISPUTE** will finally be settled when the party convenes its national convention in New Orleans in August and decides which Michigan delegation to recognize.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont and former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. bypassed Michigan, which jumped to the head of the list of states choosing delegates to the 1988 Republican nominating convention with a complex process that got under way nearly two years ago.

"I will come out of this convention a winner," Robertson said Saturday

WITH THE IOWA precinct caucus vote following in just nine days, Michigan was viewed by the Bush, Robertson and Kemp forces as an opportunity to get a running start in their campaigns for the nomination. Michigan's delegation at the national convention will be larger than those of Iowa and New Hampshire combined.

Speaking to his backers by radio hookup from Council Bluffs, Iowa, Bush called it, "The first really meaningful, delegate-oriented event of 1988, the first one that really affects delegates and it's a big, clear win."

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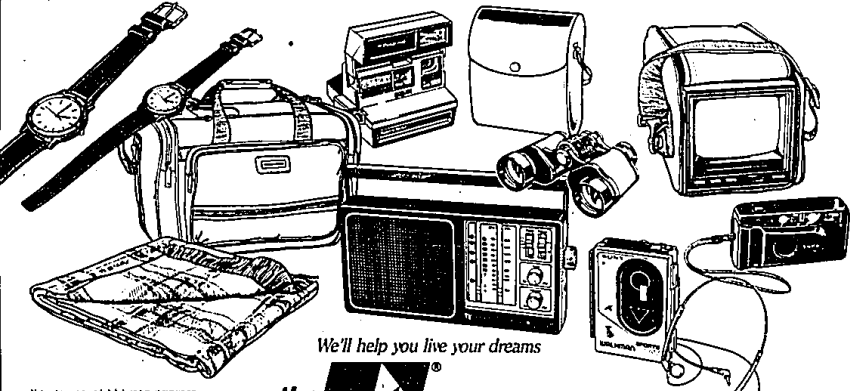
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