No 'Japan bashing' — GOP Senate hopefuls

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The Republican who runs against Democratic U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle will fladly reject his protectionist trade views and "Japan bashing."

James Elsman, Robert Huber and Jim Dunn will say American industry — both management and labor—will have to cooperate and compete to sell their products overseas. They differ on whether constitutional amendments are needed to boit out red his in the federal budget, but they agree on the need for a senator who will spend less.

Their first joint appearance of the primary campaign came fuesday at a luncheon of the Birmingham Republican Women's Clab. They were applican Women's Clab. They were publican Women'

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ELSMAN, LEADING off on the trade question, said, "You've been hoodwinked (by Riegle). It a casy to bash the Japanese.
"The real hope for Michigan, economically, is to once again regain its vigor... dominate the seas, dominate the trade lanes, with the best products the world can buy."

A Birmingham lawyer who claims international trade experience with Chrysler and on state experience with Chrysler and on state experience with Chrysler and on state experience had been sone boards. Eisman said, "Most manufacturers don't want to look at the 84 percent of the rest of the way to be supposed to the said of the said o

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We have to convince management and labor they have to work together to produce the best products at the cheapest price, "he said, advocating federal credit availability to potential exporters.

Dunn, an East Lansing homebuilder, said, "Democrats are going to harp on the trade issue," but Republicans should emphasize the 15 million new Jobs created during the Regan presidency and the cutting of the unemployment rate by half.

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GOP's round 2: Sunday night

Next appearance of the three de-clared Republican U.S. Senate candi-dates will be at 7:30 pm. Sunday Botsford Inn, Grand River north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Hosts are the Farmington Area Republican Club and West Bloom-field Republicans. Admission is free. Coffee and a cash bar will be avail-able.

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News people will question candidates Jim Dunn, James Elsman and Robert Huber.

your barriers on autos, or we will limit our aid to your defense." He said American taxpayers aid Japane conomy by protecting it with the 6th U.S. Navy fleet. He advocated encouraging welfare recipients to take even \$3.35 minimum-wage jobs by picking up their insurance and day care costs.

HUBER CALLED for constitutional amendments requiring a balanced budget and giving the president a line-tiem veto over budget bills to reduce the federal deficit. The omnibus, 8500 million spending bill dropped by Congress on Reagan's desk in December gave the president no latitude to make cuts.

"The Democrats' motion is, "You want it? You got it." We need fiscal responsibility by the people we elect," Huber said.

Dunn also advocated the line-tiem veto and the balanced budget amendment, but added a new twist: "two-year budgeting."

"We'd have an entire year when Congress would have no votes on the budget," Dunn said. "We could sit down and do oversight, review, checking up, following up." He said there is overspending in the Defense Department and abuse of social programs.

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one said Elsman would be the best challenger, and three said none had a chance.
Fourteen Elsman supporters said their man would ob best if nominaled, and the rest didn't answer.
The 14 Hober volers seemed less confident their man would run the strongest race. Seven said Huber would run best, two said Dunn, one Elsman, and three checked off "none of the above."



Republican U.S. Senate hopefuls (from left) James Elsman, Robert Huber and Jim Dunn fielded audience questions after

(by cutting waste). Another \$100 bil-lion would come from reversing the trade Imbalance and \$80 billion would be saved through a 2 percent drop in the unemployment rate.

DUNN SAID the U.S. should cut off aid to countries that aren't fighting drug exports. He said the Reagan administration shouldn't have certified that Mexico, the Bahamas, Colombia and Bolivia were doing an adequate job fighing drugs.

"We should make greater use of our military" to detect drug shipments, Dunn said. "I'm a pilot. I

know the capabilities of on-board ra-

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Dung called for more enforcement and more certain punishment for drug dealers.

Huber sold, "We are at war with the drug problem. War. Every year approximately 70 law enforcement officers are murdered in the drug war."

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Huber called for incarcerating youngsters arrested for drug dealing in former military detention camps because the youths now are released almost immediately. "You can't put 'em in jalls. The jalls are crowded.

their presentations to the Birmingham Republican Women's

It's safer to put 'em in a stockade."
Elsman called for the death penalty for those wholesaling 1,500 grams
or more of drugs — "not kids." He
would allow judges discretion in applying the sentence. But he said the
prison problem is one for the states,
"and we're running for federal office."

ice."

Elsman called "strong families and strong church and synagogue ties" a key factor in rescuing the U.S. from crime and drug problems. "Until God gets into the schools," he said, "our country will have problems ahead."

ELSMAN TWITTED his rivals for ignoring the AIDS question posed by the women's club. He called for quarantines and isolation of infected people but saw political problems ahead because "homosexuals can put more people on the streets (demonstrating) than anyone" except those arguing the abortion question.

Dunn supported "education on safe sex" to limit AIDS.

Huber called AIDS "a major prob-lem" because 181,000 victims will have died from it by 1991.

Elsman draws from 2 rivals

In front of a live audience, James Elsman cut into the strength of his GOP U.S. Senate rivals Jim Dunn and Robert Huber, a poll of the Bir-mingham Republican Women's Club revealed.

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The three announced Republicans seeking a chance Aug. 2 to tackle incumbent Democrat Donald W. Riegle made their first joint appearance Tuesday, and 59 in the audience responded to this newspaper's polit. Eisman, a former Democrat but comparative unknown in Republican circles, made a generally good impression on the audience of active partisans.

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a Dunn, 45, an East Lansing builder and one-term congressman, emerged the favorite, with 20 votes (34 percent), Dunn also walked in the favorite, with 17 people favoring him before the meeting, so he gained three. In addition, five of the 20 said they would be willing to actively support him.

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**Blober, 64, Trey Industrialist, former congressman and state sena-tor, had 15 people leaning his way (77 percent) at the beginning and 14 supporters at the end.

• Fourteen people were undecld-ed at the beginning and only eight at the end. The gainers were Eisman and Dunn.

The audience also was asked to grade candidates A through E on knowledge of issues, experience and platform presentation. Many people did not respond or merely made check marks, and results were in-

Elman, and three checked off "none of the above."

ELSMAN supported former TV evangelis! Pat Robertson for president in the Michigan conventions, and some in the audience held it against him. Sample comments:

Dunn backers: "I had the feeling Jim Elsman was making a speech for Lyndon LaRouche" (right-wing Democratic presidential candidate). "Elsman burned his bridges during the last presidential cycle (by baching Robertson)." "Elsman has probably the most dynamic speaker."

Elsman backers: "Elsman is much more rounded in personality makeup and experience . a hard line. Dunn comes across as instincere, phoney, Huber comes across as narrow in experience and not a strong enough personality to beat Riegle."

Huber backers: "Huber is a statesman but no flamboyance. Elsman has not had enough exposure but has presence. Dunn is lightweight, None has money enough to beat Riegle. Elsman is too religious." "Dunn did not address the subjects as present. Riegle will tak around him."

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WHO HAS THE the best chance of beating Riegle, who will be seeking a third six-year term Nov. 8? Fifteen of the 20 Dunn voters said their candidate would run best, while

Conference topic: obesity

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