State blocks local rent control measures

Cities can forget about rent-con-trol ordinances under a legislative bill awalting Cov. James Blanc-hard's signature. "Rent controls have done nothing to help housing," said Sen. Richard Fessler, R-Commerce, sponsor of the bill.

bill.
"It has been tried in other states.

Campaign '88

Prosecutor, judicial hopefuls on the trail

Oakland Republicans will have an other chance to look over candidates for prosecutor at 7:30 tonight in the County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph.

"Prepare questions," advised Hei-en Wolfe, representing the sponsor-ing Birmingham Republican Wom-en's Club.
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Nonpartisan judicial candidates also will be presented, she said.

The Commissioners' Auditorium is the round building in the county complex on the east side of Telegraph north of Elizabeth Lake Road.

The Aug. 2 GOP primary will feature a four-way race for the nomination for prosecutor between Sen. Richard Fessler, attorney Jeffrey Leib, county commissioner John McDonald and chief assistant prosecutor Richard Thompson.

STATE SUPREME Court Justice James H. Brickley will be guest speaker at the fifth annual "salue to justice" sponsored by Oakland Coun-ty Republicans. - The event will be held 5:30-7:30 jm. Wednesday June 22, in Roma's of Bloomfield, 2101 S. Telegraph Bead

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Brickley was lieutenant governor when he was appointed to the Supreme Court on Dec. 27, 1982. He is seeking reelection.

Approximately 150 are expected.

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Approximately 150 are expected to attend the \$50 per ticket event. Hors d'ocuvres and an open bar will be provided. For ticket information, be provided. For ticket information, call Oakland County Republican headquarters at 338-1133,

TWO MORE Oakland probate judge candidates have sent out blo-graphical information.
George J. Fulkerson, 61, a Troy attorney, is seeking the seat held by Judge Sandra Silver, who was appointed this month to fill the vacancy of John J. O'Brien. They will squar of Now. Seather of the seather o

Fulkerson has been a circuit court mediator and lecturer on creditors rights at the University of Detroit Law School. He was an assistant attorney general handling condemnation cases for the old Highway Defartment in the 1960s and a hearing

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New York City did it. Their hope is protect lower income people. The goal is laudatory.

"What happens is that there is very little new construction. Where it (new construction) happens, it is luxury bousing, not lower-income and middle-income housing. In older structures, where maintenance costs are high, the owner decreases his maintenance." Fessler said.

Kaufman

officer for the Oakland County Road Commission from 1973 to 1980.
Fulkerson was the Democratic cominee for prosecutor in 1960 and for 18th District congressman in 1962.
The Bloomfield Township resident carned his bachelor degree from the University of Chicago and U-D Law School.

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David I. Kaufman, a former Detroit Recorder's Court judge who now lives in Huntington Woods, is seeking the probate judge vacancy left by the retirement of Norman R. Barnard.

Four other candidates are seeking two nominations in the Aug. 2 prima-

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cans and more than half the Demo-crats voting yes.

Western Wayne County Demo-crats voting yes were Justine Barns of Westland, John Bennett of Red-ford and James Kosteva of Canton. Not voting was William Keith of Garden City. Rep. Maxine Berman, D-South-field, voted no. She also tried to win an amendment the-barring the anti-rent control bill to her bill to require that landlords give more adequate warnings of rent increases. But the Berman amendment failed on a 39-54 roll call. 54 roll call.

Two years ago Berman produced package of tenant-protection bills, but the rent-control bill never made t through committee.

Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor,

THE HOUSE last week gave 75-24 approval to the bill, with all Republicans and more than half the Demo-

ers to approve rent-control ordi-nances, but it lost on a voice vote. Both houses voted to give the bill immediate effect, which means it would become law 10 days after the

would become law Iv days after the governor signs it.

Blanchard is expected to sign the bill because he rarely attempts to veto measures that are passed by heavy margins.

ECONOMISTS, even liberals, generally oppose any kind of price and real controls.

They cite the case of New York City, as Fessler did, and France, where new construction stopped when rent contols were imposed.

Even the threat of rent control in Detroit has chilled plans for three major riverfront developments, according to Rep. Michael Benane, a Democrat. He and half the Detroit

delegation supported Fessler's bill.
One reason Fessler sought a uniform state law was to avoid a hodgepodge of rent control ordinances.
There had been support for Berman's rent-control bill from Detroit,
Southfield, Westland, Ann Arbor and
many college towns.

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Earlier this year, Ann Arbor voters rejected a rent-control ordinance by a 2-1 margin.

SOME DEMOCRATS argued that Fessier's bill violated the rights of home-rule cities.

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"I do not support rent control,"
sald Rep, David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, "but I believe this issue is
one of local concern, and the state
should not prevent a local community's right to decide an issue which
addresses local housing problems."
Rep. Mary Brown, D-Kalmazoo,
added another argument: "Such a

Machiavellian subjugation of local autonomy leaves local units with fewer ways to respond to housing problems.

"This legislation pushes local governments toward public ownership of housing if they are to meet the needs of citizens, especially low-income families," Brown sald.

FESSLER SAID West Bloomfield, in his district, has seen a problem with older tenants unable to afford picked-up rents when a new landford bought as middling, and the said of the said of

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OU alumni honor 2 profs

Two Oakland University faculty who were willing to "go the extra mile" for their students have won academic advising awards.

Jane L. Briggs-Bunting, journalism professor from Oxford, and Richard J. Burke, philosophy professor from Lake Orlon, were honored by the arts and seneces affiliate of the OU Alumni Association. They received certificates and \$500 each at the College of Arts and Sciences June 4 commencement exercises.

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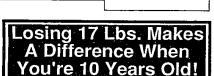
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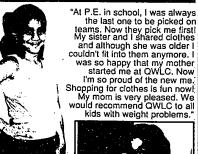
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