Oakland gets little from liquor tax leftovers

Other counties are reaping the rewards of a 1985 liquor-hotel tax increase. But not Oakland.

that distribution," said James Bremnan, director of program evaluation for the county Board of Commission.

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In fiscal 1987-88, Oakland derived nearly \$693,000 from the liquor tax. This year it will get a bit more than \$17,000

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Next year, nothing.

The liquor taxes were developed when the city of Detroit sought money to double the size of Cobo Hall, the riverfront convention center whose expanded facilities were dedicated last week.

THERE WAS a battle in Lansing in 1985. The names of Detroit, Cobo Hall and Mayor Coleman Young became lighting words (Coleman Young became lighting words). The Michigan Legislature said

Use it for alcoholism programs, the Legislature said.

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Now surpluses are going back to
80 outstate counties, saving endangered drug and alcohol programs,
and acting as baim for the wounds of
the opponents.
"You don't hear that outcry much
any more," said Rop, Morria Hood
Jr., D-Detroit, who spensored the ilquot tax measure that helped build
he new Cobe Convention-Exhibition

He has been responsible for developing Lawrence Tech's research programs and has served as a senjor technical consultant with Ford, Bendix, and General Electric. In 1988, he was named Educator of the Year by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers region that covers the western U.S. and Canada.

bond issue. And part of the bond payments come from a 4-percent tax on retail liquor sales statewide.

The rest comes from a tax on hotel bills of up to 6 percent, depending on a hotel's ake, in Wayne, Macomb and Onkland Strenam sald bond payments on Cobo Hall will go up to \$21 million next year, eating up the three suburban counties revenue. Thereafter, bond payments will drop to \$18 million and \$16 million, leaving small but growing amounts for the suburban counties.

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"There was a lot of disgruntle-ment at the time," said Scott Schrager, a staffer on the state House Taxation Committee. He helped legislators, hotel owners and ilquor store operators reach agree-ment.

THE FINAL bill said that if the tax brought in more than needed for the bond payments, the 80 counties outside Wayne, Macomb and Oakland would get back the revenues they raised.

If more money remained, it would be divided among those counties and the three in the Detroit area.

At the end of 1986, the first bond payments were met, and the coun-

ties outside Detroit got their liquor tax revenue back. The proceeds:

• Wayne County – about 7705,000.

• Oakland County – about 87 million for By law, 50 percent of the money must go for drug- and alcohol-abuse 1762.000.

\$461,000.

THE BOND payments rise until fully phased in in 1989. So the return to counties dropped from \$12.5 mil-

Wayne County — about 1988.

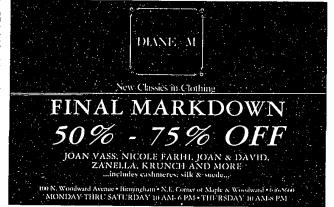
Oakland County — about 1,000.

Macomb County — about 1,000.

Macomb

and said Macomb County could well use its returned money.
"It most certainly was very vehemently opposed," Hood said. "But most of them have reaped benefits, most of them are very pleared. I'inally some positive things are happening."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



Ellis first provost at Lawrence Tech

Dr. Robert W. Eills of Farmington Hills has been appointed to the newly created position of provest at Lawrence Technological University, a 5,000-student independent Institution in Southlifeld. President Richard E. Marburger said the appointment, effective immediately, was approved last week by the board of trustees. Eills has been Lawrence Tech's dean of engineering since 1994. Succeeding Eills as dean in Lawrence Tech's School of Engineering will be Khaill S. Taraman ab been associate dean of engineering. The School of Engineering The School of Engineering The School of Engineering The School of Engineering. Lawrence's Largest, enrolls more than 2,500 students.

AS PROVOST, Ellis will be responsible for Lawrence Tech's 30 academic programs in architecture, arts and science, engineering, management and technology.

He also will oversee the office of admissions and the registrar, bookstore, and library, research, and cooperative and continuing education activities.

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He holds three degrees in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and also attended Harvard
University's Institute for Educationaid Management.

Eillis is a contract consultant with
General Dynamics Land Systems Division, and has just experience as a senior engineer with the U.S. Army
Tank Automotive Research and Development Center, as a research fellow at NASA's Langley Research
Center, and as a menilarigeal engineer with the Polyscientific Division
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Out House and the public Florida
International University in Manni,
and assistant vice president for academic affairs at the University of
South Florida in Tampa.

He was named Michigan's 1987
Engineer of the Year by the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (of which he has been president).

ty of Detroit.

He holds undergraduate and mas-ter's degrees from Ain Shams Uni-versity in Egypt, a master's of sci-ence from the University of Wiscon-sin, and a doctorate from Texas Tech University.

Hertel heads oceanography subcommittee

SUDCOMMITTEE

U.S. Rep. Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, is the new chairman of the West and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries in Merchant Marine and Fisheries in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Hertel, starting his fifth term, said the subcommittee is charged with issue and the subcommittee is charged with issue and the subcommittee is charged with issue and the subcommittee in the subcommittee is charged with its marine science, occanopaphs research and occan environmental protection. It also covers coastal zone management, marine and external committee in the subcommittee in

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