Parties split over latest school tax plan

Both parties in the Michigan Leg-lainture are deeply split over the Harden committee's plan to raise the state sales tax a half-cent and carmark the new revenue for schools.

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Outstate Republicans and Gov. James J. Blanchard say the \$400 million plan has merit, and they want to add a second bailot proposal to give school property tax rellef. "Dead on the table," replied Senate minority leader Art Millier, "Dead on the table," replied Senate minority leader Art Millier, Olaren, and Several suburban senators of both, parties. They were joined Thurstay by Senate Majority Leader, John Engler, Ridount Pleasand, who favors earmarking bigger slices of future general fund pies for the property of the pies of the property of the pies of the pi

The parties will caucus this week to decide their positions. But it's ap-

lines.
"I HAVE a problem with it," said
Sen. Richard Fessler, R-Commerce,
who favors capping rising property
sacssaments and earmarking more
of the state budget for schools.
"Past plans have had a Robin
Hood approach. Instead of tearing
down those districts at the top, we
should bring those at the bottom up."
Fessler, whose district includes
Bloomifield Township, Bloomifield
Hills and West Bloomifield township,
said state fees are low— particularyld rivers licenses, builders licenses,
real estate licenses and state park
entry fees. Raisling them would ease
the pressure on other parts of the
state budget, he said, and allow
more to be allocated for schools.

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SEN. JACK Faxon, R-Farmington

Hills, said a flat "no" because "there's no relief from the exorbitant property tax increases. The education establishment is very mistaking in the property of the public," said Faxon, whose district includes Novi and Southfield. Sen. Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, Said, "My reading of the electorate is that they'll turn down a shift." Nichols, whose district includes Rochester, said the Harden plan covers only "nalf the problem" – raising funds for poorer school districts.

THE HARDEN committee was chaired by Edgar Harden, former president of Northern Michigan University and once acting president of Michigan State University.

The plan, unveiled to four legislative leaders early Thursday, calls for a ballot proposal to raise the sales tax to 4.5 percent from 4 percent. No

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property fax cut is involved.

The \$400 million in new revenue
would be arranked for schools. The
school ald fund and a new student
improvement fund would get \$315
million. The remaining \$85 million
would go into such programs as
preschool, classroom technology
achievement incentives, profesional
development, math-science and the
like.

REPRESENTED ON the panel were two teachers unlons, the Michigan Education Association and Michigan Federation of Teachers the State Board of Education and super-State Board of Education and super-intendent of public instruction; asso-ciation of school superintendents and association of school boards; the Michigan Manufacturers. Association and the state AFL-CIO.

"They agreed on how to spend

\$400 million," said Engler, the Republican Senate chief, "but they're not sure where'll they'll get it. I'm very disappointed. This group labored mightly and brought forth zero property tax relief."
"I'm extremely disappointed," added Miller, the Democratic Senate leader. "The earmarking proposal (Engler's) is looking better every day."

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Gov. Blanchard later issued as
statement endorsing the Harden proposal, adding be favors "nn additional proposal to provide permanent relief from rapidly rising property tares."

around Oakland

Tax revolt meetings set

The Oakland County Taxpayers' Association will host a series of organizational meetings to encourage participation in the tax-cut effort, with the next one at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in Roossvelt Elementary School in Keego Harbor as host-od by Tom Madden, Keego Harbor spokesman.

The organization is part of the

spokesman.

The organization is part of the drive by L. Brooks Patterson and others to get a tax-cutting or tax-limiting proposal onto the statewide ballot next year.

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The taxpayers' group produces a quarterly newsletter, free property tax seminars, free help with property tax appeals and lobbles with elected officials.

elected officials.

A future meeting is set for May 4 at the Troy Community Center featuring Paul Clark, president of the Council of Troy Homeowners Association.

County sets nutrition class

The Oakland County Health Divi-sion, in conjunction with Birming-ham Community Education, is offer-ing a nutrition course, "Better Eat-

ing for Better Health."

The class will be held at Midvale Elementary School in Birmingham on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. beginning Tharrday, April 27.

The class will be taught by a registered dietition and will run for six weeks. The cost is \$15.00.

To register, call Shella Brice at 645-2839. Class size is limited.

Secretaries' luncheon set

Former Detroit Tiger Bill Freehan will be the guest speaker at the 11th Annual Secretaries' Lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Pontiac Silverdome's Main

Event restaurant.

The event is sponsored by the Oak-land County Chamber of Commerce and Manpower Temporary Services of Bloomiteid Hills. All Oakland

County businesses are invited to air tend. Tickets are \$13.50, which includes

a gift for each secretary.

For reservations call 683-4746 or 644-1229.

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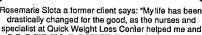












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The bearing will be held pursuant to Section 5(1) of the cited statute. The bearing will not be a court-type proceeding, witnesses will not be swom, and there will be no cross-examination. Public Hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the supression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department depictation on this spipication.

Date: March 29, 1989

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