

Faxon bill would alter school aid measure

A Senate subcommittee last week approved the proposal of state Sen. Jack Faxon (D-Farmington Hills) to reduce the impact of the executive state school aid plan on most school districts in Oakland County.

The proposed 1990-1991 executive school plan would be disastrous for most Oakland County districts," said Faxon, the only Democratic member on the Senate Subcommittee on School Aid Funding.

"I am extremely pleased that the subcommittee chose to alleviate inequities in the executive plan by approving my proposal."

THE EXECUTIVE budget proposes limiting the increase in school taxes for home-

owners to the rate of inflation and reimbursing school districts for the loss through additional state financing.

According to Faxon, this reimbursement would be financed by reducing the amount of state aid to better financed districts for categorical programs such as transportation, special education and vocational education.

"Most Oakland County and other better financed school districts would be doubly penalized," Faxon said.

"Not only are they denied state funds for their education programs, they are being asked to pay for state programs in other districts out of their own local tax base."

THE PROPOSAL to increase the recapture provisions of the State School Aid Act "is going in the wrong direction," according to Faxon.

"We should be eliminating recapture, not increasing it," he said. "If the state requires a program, the state is obligated to pay for it."

No proposal, other than a millage increase, is being advanced to enable districts such as those in Oakland County to replace revenue lost through limitations on property taxes, Faxon said.

"So what good is a property assessment limitation if the millage goes up?" Faxon

asked. "You giveth with one hand and taketh with the other, but you taketh more than you give."

Faxon's amendment would make certain the promise implied in the executive plan "is a reality and not some voodoo bookkeeping," he said.

"By holding recaptured dollars to no more than they were last year, we cannot lose any more but we will only gain," he said.

THE EXECUTIVE proposal would increase recapture dollars by adding state financing for school employees' Social Security

to the list of categoricals subject to "recapture" by the state.

"The state has continuously paid the Social Security of school employees to all districts equally," Faxon said. "That should remain. No one should be tampering with something that works."

"I will vigorously oppose any effort on the part of those who would seek to play Robin Hood with our school districts."

The recommendation of the Subcommittee on School Aid Funding will go the full Senate Appropriations Committee for action in the next few weeks.

Plan targets smokers

Discriminating diners will be able to preview more than the menu when they enter a restaurant if anti-smoking legislation introduced by Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, becomes law.

A floor plan, designating smoking and non-smoking areas, would also be posted.

"When non-smoking diners enter a restaurant, they will immediately know whether the establishment is considerate of their desire for clean air," said Faxon whose district covers Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield.

"They also will know whether the restaurant is complying with state law, which forbids discrimination in the location of tables for non-smokers."

Under Faxon's bill, a copy of the floor plan would have to be filed with the local health department and amended whenever the floor plan is changed.

"The citizens of Michigan should not be required to expose themselves to a serious health risk every time they want to go to a restaurant," said Faxon. "Nor should they be led to a table next to the kitchen whenever they ask for a non-smoking area."

The measure also would increase the number of tables which must be reserved for non-smokers in most restaurants and would eliminate the exemption for small restaurants from non-smoking area requirements.

Under Faxon's proposal, a restaurant that has only counter seating must provide at least 50 percent of its seating capacity for non-smokers and other restaurants must provide at least 40 percent of seating capacity for non-smokers.

Current law requires restaurants with a seating capacity of 50 to 100 people to provide seating for 12 non-smokers. Restaurants with a seating capacity of 100 to 150 people must provide seating for at least 24 non-smokers and restaurants with a seating capacity of more than 150 must provide seating for 36 non-smokers.

Mercedes lands in T.J. Maxx

Continued from Page 1

said, "We don't believe there was any defect with the car. She did a lot of damage."

Upon seeing the car in the dressing rooms, Lark realized just how lucky she was. "I realized later, 'My God June, that's exactly where you were headed,'" she said.

Lark, a Novi resident who lives on the Farmington Hills border, said there were "quite a few people in the store" at the time of the incident, and that a number of shoppers and sales clerks were shaken up at the scene.

Another witness at the scene told Lark that the driver appeared to be having problems. "When she hit the curb of the sidewalk, (the car) just jet-propelled," Lark said she was told.

Another witness who saw the car drive through the wall told police: "I thought the person would stop, but didn't."

Employees could be seen sweeping and cleaning debris Tuesday morning before the store reopened for business. Local T.J. Maxx management said they could not comment about the incident. A spokesman from the company's Boston headquarters could not be reached for comment.

JANES HAS TASTE

And TASTE has Janes---
Read him every Monday

Mid~Winter Sale

30% to 70% Storewide Savings

Discover unsurpassed values on the finest names in furniture and accessories for every room in your home.

30% Off All Henredon.
Includes any—and every—special order item including:
LIVING ROOMS,
BEDROOMS,
DINING ROOMS,
ACCENT TABLES,
ENTERTAINMENT CABINETS,
WALL SYSTEMS
AND ARMOIRES.

50% Off Henredon's Scene I.
Select from the complete collection.

30% to 70% Off All Lamps and Accessories.
Famous names like:
STIFFEL,
FREDERICK COOPER,
WATERFORD,
CHAPMAN,
BETH WEISSMAN,
MARBRO,
AND MORE.

FINAL DAYS TO SAVE

40% Off All Hickory Manufacturing.

40% Off All White of Mebane.

Bedrooms, dining rooms, accent tables and wall systems. Including special orders.

40% Off All Sherrill remaining "showroom buyout" livingroom samples, purchased direct from their High Point, North Carolina showrooms.

30% Off All Bradington-Young recliners.

Special Value. 50% Off

Bradington-Young recliner. Traditional wing-back style with nail head trim in selected top-grain leather hides.
Reg. \$1970.
Now \$985

30% Off All Sherrill livingroom special orders.

30% Off All Hancock & Moore leather upholstery —and—
Save Up To 60% Off our remaining inventory of Hancock & Moore leather upholstery showroom buyout items.



Mid Winter Sale ends Monday, March 5, 1990

Scott Shuptrine

The Furniture Since 1927

Open daily 9:30-5:30 • Open evenings 10:00 Mon., Thurs. & Fri. • Use Your Personalized Scott Shuptrine Account, Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card
OPEN SUNDAY 10:00-5:30

18850 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms
Just south of Morris
886-3200

1110 Telegraph Road
Bloomfield Hills
Just south of Long Lake Road
612-4070

12200 Hall Road
Sterling Heights
between Van Dyke & Lakeside Mall
739-5100

Thomasville Gallery Store*
19135 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Woods
Just north of Morris
881-9190

*Merchandise not available at Thomasville Gallery Store