olitical reform focuses on PACs, big bucks West Bloomfield, William Bryant of Grosse Pointe and minority leader Paul fillilegonds of Holland. The task force is a device minority Republicans use to influence the agenda that later will be set in Dem-ocratic-run House committees.

HERE ARE some of the Ideas that speakers on the task force urged

• Jue Knollenberg, 18th Congressional District GOP chair. "I would like to see power restored to the political parties." PACS can't be eliminated, as President George Bush accorate. But PACS have the bad effect of reinforcing incumbents who got 95 percent of PAC money, Parties should have either high spending limits or none. County executive campaigns have no spending limits. People see that judicial races are being "bought... from family mon-

ey or single sources . . . but I have no solution."

• Common Cause's Holcomb-Merrill: In 1978 PACs provided 40 percent of campaign money, in 1988. 70 percent. Prevent officeholders from "building up financial war chests" by requiring them to return or give to charity their unspent campaign funds. She advocated more fund disclosure, limiting the amount candidates can accept from PATs and public funding of campaigns. Dobb, a freshman lawnaker, was shell about the value of disclosing stield about the value of disclosing stield about the people who spent big amounts got elected; 'she shad • Sever: Limit PAC spending to 30 percent of any campaign • Jean Fox, Farmington Hills councilmember and an active He-

Big-money campaigns clearly are tainting politics and frustrating votors, said a panel of Republican legislators in Oakland County.

"PACS (political action committees) have too big a role. Money has too big a role. Money has too big a role. You have to force the campaign to be run in the streets," said Terry Sever, a Farmington Hills resident who sought the Republican nomination for state senator in 1990.
"Special interests dominate the process," said Karen Holcomb-Merrill of Common Cause of Mehigan, citing how legislators collect money

being made in Lansing.

BUT THE TASK force chair, Rep.
Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge,
warned that fixing the system wasn't
a simple as putting spending limits
into state law because of the "rule of
inintended consequences." If PAC
spending is limited, Fitzgereald said,
PAC leaders will get around the law
by collecting "individual" donations
or running "fund-party" campaigns
on behalf of a favored candidate
Joining Fitzgerald in the Friday
hearing in the Farmington Hills hiheary were Reps. Jan Dolan of
Farmington Hills. Barbara Dobb of

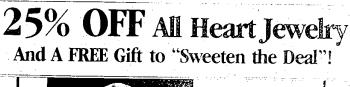
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dobless workers are waiting a month or more for unemployment checks, and Washington should cough up more money for staff to process their claims.

week for unemployment benefits. There is a de facto four or tree week waiting perod." said Son David Hongman, Federal Hongman, new chair of the Sentington, new chair of the Sentington and Labor Committee, is about of a resolution due for passage today in both chambers of the Michigan Legislature asking Congress to release more of the money it has been taxing employers to pay for more staff at the Michigan Englayment Security Commission.



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Barbara Moorhouse, Bloom-field Hills, representing the state League of Women Voters, Limit size and type of contributions, provide public funding of campaigns or al-low reduced postage rates for candi-dates.

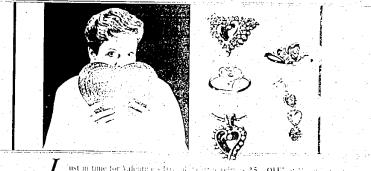
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Mary Avery, Farmington Hills:

Mary Avery, Farmington Hills Require unspent campaign funds to be given to the state or charity.
 Saac Sheppart, Classon, Limit Campaign spending to a percentage dan offercholder's salary. "Can you imagine a business surviving if they spent 696 percent of its revenue on advertising."

• Dick Poeblinan, president of the Farmington Republican Club and vice president of the local cham-ber "Legalsting should be viewed as a public service, not as the best pib in town." Maximum pay should be \$50 a day Pay should based on 20 hours a week times 50 weeks at a rate of four times the minimum wage Professionally run campaigns are "shallow but expensive media type" and should be replaced by less costly candidates, speeches and in-terviews.

terviews — Bob Heiorick, president of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce with experience in raising bank PAC Junds PACs should be prohibited from contributing to elections outside their area.



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