Honigman seeks more study on assisted suicide STABENOW SAID she will sup-port Honigman's measure. "Four years for passing a bottle of fulls" the Said, echoing Honigman's speech. "I know he (Dillingham) in-lends to go after Dr. Keverisian, but the net is way too broad." "Smith culled Dillingham's bill "a knee-jerk reaction," saying present law is adequate. "Look at I as placing a moratori-um on the issue until someone comes up with a solution." Dillingham re-plied.

State Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, is trying to head off a bill making assisted suicide a felony — a measure some consider

on a onl making assisted successfully assisted and consider "unduly larsh."
"Many legislators are uncomfortable with the uniform treatment" of making all assisted suicide a four-year felony, Honigman told a news conference minutes before Senate Hill 32 was reported out of committen.

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Honigman and Rep. Tom Power,
F-Traverse City, want to set up an
18-member "Communission on Death
and Dying" to study data on volun-tary suicides, causes, the role of al-ciolic and drugs, the roles of disease and disability, legal and moral ques-tions.

old woman in prison for four years," said Hunigman, "when her dying hushand, in excruciating pain, begs her to hand hifn a bottle of pain killer that he says will end his life. "Even the threat of prosecution is too horsh."

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BUT THE BILL by Sen. Fred Dill-ingham, R-Fowlerville, would punish her, Honigman added.
Dillingham's bill won 5-2 approval in the Family Law Committee. Sup-porters included Robert Geake, R-Northville, Jack Welborn, R-Kalam-zoo, Dong Carl, R-Ulica, and Chris Dingell, D-Trenton.
Uppised were Virgil Smith, D-De-trot, and Debbie Stabenow, D-Lams-ing.

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Dillingham scoffed at delaying action for a lengthy study, calling Honigman's comminission "a lot of hoopla."

"We solve nobody's problems by

not taking action. The judges were very, very specific that the issue meded to be decided quickly in the Legislature. Dillingham said. He referred to two Oakland County judges, one of whom dismissed a marder charge against Dis Saint of the control of the county of the

Dillingham's bill is due on the Sen-ate floor next week. If adopted, it would take effect in 1993.

HONIGMAN AND Power, both at-torneys, introduced identical bills in their respective chambers. Power's bill likely would go to the House Judiciary Committee chaired

Two other sections of the Dillingham bill were non-controversial. One would define as murder the act of forcing a person to commit sucide. The other would make it attempted murder to cause a person to attempt suicide.

'I can't see throwing an 80-year-old woman in prison for four years when her dying husband, in excruciating pain, begs her to hand him a bottle of pain killer that he says will end his life. Even the threat of prosecution is too

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by Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, There it's likely to get a warmer re-recption than Dillingbam's bill, which is supported by Right to Life Hongram's bill could go to Wel-born's Family Law Committee,

where it might have trouble, or the

Engler seeks office fund limits

Gov. John Engler said he is moving to end abuses of state legislative officeholder expense funds by proposing a set of voluntary restrictions.

Engler said his reforms would ensure greater accountability, more regular reporting and tougher enforcement provisions. "Our ultimate goal is the climination of OEE's," said Engler, praising Senate committee action to abolish OEE's.

"Until OEFs are abolished, however, they must be reformed," Engler said.

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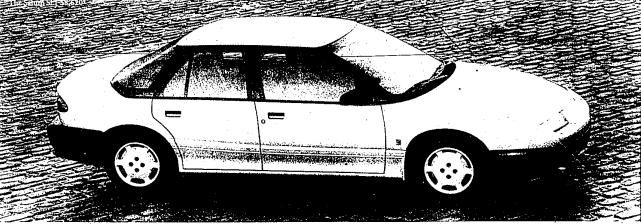
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