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of 1889.
Twelve of Michigan's 18 House members are eligible for this financial windfall. Leading the way is 24-year veteran Rey. William Broomfield, R.Barmingham, who could keep \$655,552 if fee cetted. Bernomfield's district stretches from Rochester to Farmington and includes Troy and the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

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Us. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, has been elected a co-chairman of the bi-partisan National Security Caucus.

The Michigan Republican is also serving as a co-chairman of the Coalition is a broad-based title of the Desert Storm which was organized by the caucus to welcome Us. troops home from the Persian Gulf. The coalition is a broad-based alliance or organizations and preminent individuals supporting a bi-partisan in defense and foreign policy outlook.

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The National Security Caucus is composed of over 200 lawmakers in Capitol Hill. The group works on a wide range of defense and foreign and in the U.S. House and Senate, and is one of the largest congressional alliances on Capitol Hill. The group works on a wide range of defense and foreign and foreign affairs Committee.

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Channel 56 needs items

Donations are sought for the Chan-nel 56 Auction.

Detroit's public television station will held the auction fund-raiser April 12-21. A 900 number and vari-ous borne shopping games have been added

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Why Isn't anyone taking the more yeard running?

Love of the job appears to be the biggest reason. Michigan's delegation is perhaps the nation's most powerful for its size, with three members — John Congres, Delreitoti, John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Ford — chalfing major committees. Most of the others hold key committee or party leadership posts. For this breed, the trappings of politics and government simply are more alluring than money. Broomiteld, whose office walls are covered

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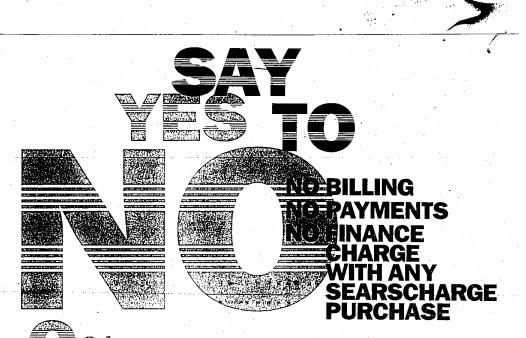
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BUT DON'T feel too sorry for your representatives. By the average American's standards, they're a long way from the poor house: Rank and-file. House members will earn \$125,100 this year. And most would have no trouble earning solid incomes after leaving Congress — as lobbytist, lawyers, trachers, lecturers or business peo-ple.

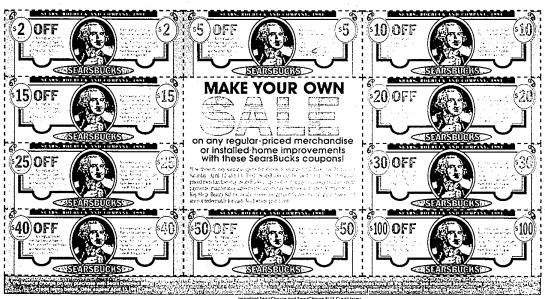
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Finally, there's the little-publi-cized matter of congressional pen-sions. They are two to three times more generous than most in the pri-vate sector, according to the non-partisan National Taxpayers Union.

The group estimates that pensions will make millionaires of 254 current representatives and 77 senators. The study was based on the lawmakers' age, length of service and life expectancy according to standard mortality tables used by the insurance inductry.

If the study is accurate, Conyers could expect to receive \$3 million in retired in 1923. For the law of the country of the



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