Senate still grappling with tax base sharing

State senators today will take up a fouse-passed bill requiring subur-pan school districts to share their users property tax bases with soorer districts.

The House Tuesday cast 73 votes the bare two-thirds minority — to give the bill immediate effect. There were 30 no votes.

Without the supermajority, House Bill 4287 could not have taken effect until 1992. The House adopted the bill on a 68-35 vote last week with

AMONG LAWMAKERS switching sides was Rep. Wilfred Webb, D-Hazel Park, whose district includes part of Troy. Webb voted against fi-nal passage last week but for imme-diate effect this week.

Voting no both times were Reps. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, and Republicans Barbara Dobb of West Bloomfield, Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Tom Middleton of Ortonville and Gordon Sparks of Troy.

"I was particularly disappointed

at the (outstate) Republicans who voted yes," said Dobb, a freshman who fought the bill in the House Tax-ation Committee. Added Dolan: "I've been getting letters from Farmington School Dis-

Added Dolan: "I've been getting letters from Farmington School District residents protesting their program cuts. Well, it's not the fault of the school district. It's the fault of the state."

Farmington would be the second biggest loser in the state — more than \$5 million in local revenue would go into the state pot.

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the district most tax sharers point
to as having three times as much to
spend as the poorest districts —
wasn't listed among the losing districts in a House Taxatloo Committee staff analysis.
Apparent reason: There is likely to
be little commercial and industrial

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growth in that affluent though largely residential district.

On the other hand, critics noted, such bise-collar districts as Allen
Park, Melvindale, Romulus, Trenton
and Creatwood will be sharing half
the growth in their tax bases.
In the first year, the law will return \$1\$ in previously "recaptured"
categoricals rist year, the law will recategoricals rought (special ed.) billingual,
pregnant teens) for every \$2\$ it takes
in shared business properly taxes.
The second year will see \$2\$ in categoricals returned for every \$1
shared. In the third and subsequent
years, the ratio will be \$1\$ for \$1\$.

First year loss to affected school

First year loss to affected school districts is estimated at \$87.4 million = \$27.2 million in categoricals and \$60.2 million in shared revenue. Other losing districts are Birming-ham, Southfield, Avondale, Troy, West Bloomfield and Rochester.

For 5th straight year, OCC sets record

the fall semester.

At the close of fall registration last week, 29,459 students were enrolled, representing a 3 poscent increase over 1990. Students also signed up for a record number of credit hours, 206,923, which is about four percent over the previ-

For the fifth consecutive year, Oakland Community College has set a new record for earoliment in the fall semester.

At the close of fall registration that the close of fall registration that year. It has 7,325 students, or the fall of the fall o about 1 percent less than the 7,383 it had in 1990.

At other campuses, however, en-rollment was up:

• The Auburn Hills campus has

The Royal Oak-Southfield campus has 7,581-students, or 4-percent above the 7,285 students the previous fall.

The Highland Lakes campus in Union Lake has 5,223 students, representing a 9 percent increase over the previous year when 4,784

students were enrolled.
OCC spokesman George Cartsonis said '44,036 individuals enrolled in credit courses in the 199013 school year, while 3,399 did noncredit work.
The spokesman 52,405 people—or
about 4.5 percent of the total population in Oakland County — took
credit or non-credit courses last
year," said Cartsonis.

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