*Area piano teachers help win skirmish in Lansing

Piano teachers and child care pro-viders applauded each others' testiy before a state Senate panel day as they sought to remain in

Tuesday as they sought to remain in business.

And the Senate Local Government to make advanced bills to keep cities from shutting them down in-residential neighborhoods.

"Music teachers don't have lobby-sits," said Jerone Stasson, husband of West Bloomfield Township plane teacher Betty Stasson, who once was told by an ordinance officer not to give lessons at home.

"The last place you want government is sticking its nose in your bome," agreed committee chair Dawid Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, sponsor of two of the bills to clip local government," wings. Protesting the bills were lobbyists for the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association.
THE COMMITTEE sent to the Senate floor:

The Townships Association.

Senate floor:

Three bills preventing municipalities, townships and counties from prohibiting music lessons and other tutoring in a private residence. Honigman said local units still may restrict noise, signs and traffic.

• A bill preventing cities from zoning out licensed "family day care" (up to six children) and licensed "group day care" (7-12 children) from residential areas. Sponsor is Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills sor :

sor is Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.
Faxon's 1990 bills covering townships and counties became law, but his cities bill lost when a couple of senators weren't on the floor on the closing day of session.
The music teachers and child-care providers applauded each others' speeches on behalf of home occupations. The mosd was broken by mirth when a gray music, barely the inches long, scurried from behind the senators' table, under audience chairs and out a door in the Grate Capitol.

BEN MARKS, Farmington Hills councilman representing the Musicipana and Sen. Jim Berryman, Dadrian, for his and Mil's opposition.

"The existence of community is

Adrian, to the close of community is sacred. Numbers are what count is local government," said Marks. "When people buy in a residential neighborhood, they don't expect a

man, a former mayor of Adrian.
"My grandmother can't sew dreases for money?"
"We don't oppose plano teachers in homes," said Gene Thornton, lob-plat for the Michigan Townships Association. "This bill is much too broad and needs to be narrowed down. I'm not certain, with this language, that we can restrict parking, employment and signs.
"As il's written, the Michigan State University hand could play in a senior citizens' apartiment complex."
Honigman said he would offer floor amendments clarifying local units' right to restrict traffic, employment and signs.
THE ISSUE was raised by Betty Stasson, a 46-year veleran of teaching and the concert siage, who got national attention when her township shut her down several years." I found myself violating the law, One neighbor was my threat," said Stasson, adding the quarred arose because the neighbor "didn't like where we put our air conditioner.
"We have far fewer cars than the man down the block who has a pool." Atthough West Bloomfield eventing ordinance, Stasson said it took \$5,000 out of the couple's pocket for

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work.

And the same problem is arising in Kalamazoo, Grosse Pointe, Southfield, Troy and Traverse City, she

sald.

Isabelle Tulk, a Milford teacher representing a western Oakland County association, added her



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FAXON SAID child-care providers licensed by the state "are arbitrarily and capriclously de-licensed by local government" through zoning

ordinances.
"This is a home occupation . . . "This is something that's gone on for centuries. Nobody ever dreamed this would be prohibited by government. When I was a baby sitter at the age of 11, I never thought of it as

making a profit," Faxon finished.

Marks of Farmington Hills said he
didn't object to family day-care
homes in subdivisions, but he preferred to keep group day-care homes
on the periphery of subdivisons because a dozen children could make
noise.

The local government lobbyists had a losing battle. The bills were reported out of committee by votes of 4-0 and 3-0.

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sald Stickley. "They were interested in the communities that used paper ballots." Pederson confirmed that HOPE is considering a limited recount focus ing on communities that used paper ballots. "I believe we can focus on about 20,000. But I don't nabut 200 precincts," she said, "and still get an accurate reading." Bilomfield, West Bilomfield and Naterford are among the bigger twinking means double checking all of Oakland County's 559 precincts would cost \$5,590. A recount limited

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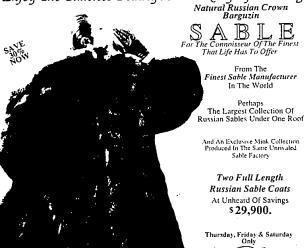
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