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Senate refuses bid to let press roam

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

"I wanted to let you guys roam the floor," an apologetic state Sen. David Honigman said to the press corps.

". . . improve communications, let you be watchdogs, all those good things."

But Honigman's effort fell apart when his proposed rule change was amended into oblivion last week while his attention was diverted on the Senate floor.

The rule is that the press corps must stay off the Senate floor, except to exit, while the body is in session and for five minutes afterward. Reporters may not talk to senators during session unless they leave the chamber.

Reporters sit in something resembling a jury box. They may not talk to senators from the box, even if senators approach them — as Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, frequently does. Sergeants-at-arms quietly but firmly enforce the rule.

Honigman sought to eliminate the rule, in effect giving reporters access to the floor, just like at a political convention. He ran into trouble in the Government Operations Committee.

"They weakened it to let us talk to you," said Honigman. That was still an improvement, from the press corps' point of view. A senator would be able to walk up to the press box and conduct a whispered conversation as long as it didn't disturb Senate decorum.

The committee also would have eliminated the rule keeping reporters off the floor for five minutes following a session.

The rules change went to the full Senate May 14.

Honigman, like many senators, takes phone calls while on the Senate floor during session. He recalls being on the phone, perhaps discussing his congressional campaign, when Sen. Joe Conroy, D-Flint, offered an amendment gutting Honigman's rule. Conroy eliminated the section allowing senators to talk to reporters in the press box.

All that's left was elimination of the five-minute rule after session.

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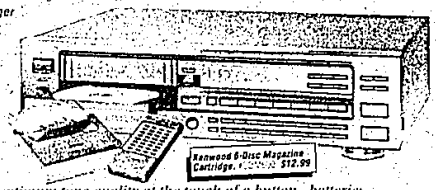

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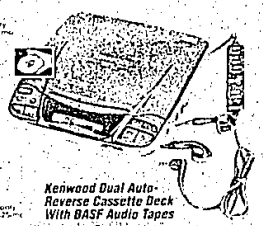

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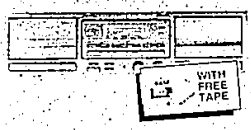

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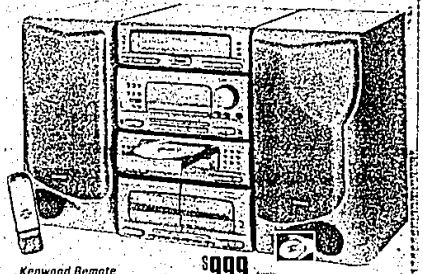

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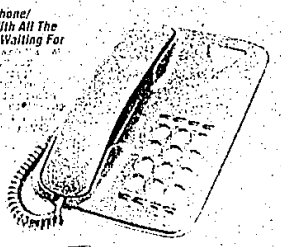

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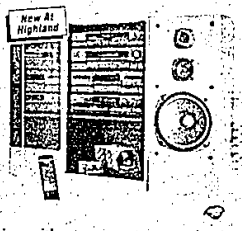

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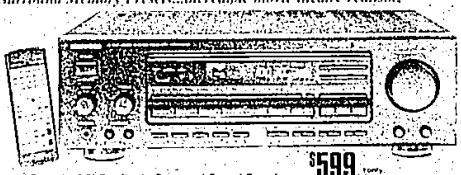

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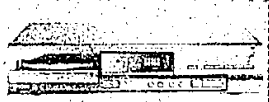

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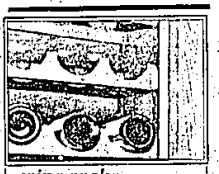

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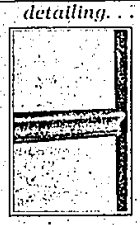

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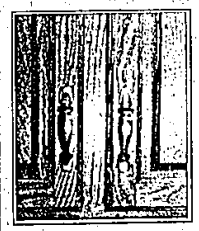

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