

Home from page A1

Though Raczkowski co-sponsored House Bill No. 4777, the state lawmaker put some real estate between himself and the legislation.

"After discussions with my Republican and Democratic colleagues, this bill is not going anywhere," Raczkowski said. "If this goes somewhere in committee, it will be substituted."

"If you look at what I've stated as a flip-flop, no. It's just a more educated point of view."

Hills city council members have criticized the proposed legislation sponsored by state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy. City

officials met with Gosselin to complain about the bill, which is a reaction to city-driven laws such as Detroit's living wage and Marquette's no smoking ordinances.

Chambers of commerce and restaurant associations backed the legislation.

Such local laws interfere in areas bounded by federal and state statutes, and hinder businesses, opponents believe. The state doesn't get into the Americans with Disabilities Act or Family Leave Act, Raczkowski said.

"We don't get into areas like

that and we would rather not have local governments get into areas like that," Raczkowski said.

As the bill stands, 21 provisions in the Hills city charter would be "attacked," including the resident's right to petition, Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said. Councilman Jerry Ellis termed the bill an "atomic bomb to kill a fly."

"Don't try to put handcuffs on the whole state because there are a few rogues," Ellis said to Raczkowski.

Raczkowski said he was waiting for potential amendments.

FARMINGTON HILLS

He did support the legislation initially but now has his own misgivings.

He points to language that appears to be contradictory.

The first sentence states the act should not be construed to restrict, extend or otherwise affect the authority of local government. The following sentence reads that a state or federal statute may limit local authority.

ty.

"I'm not sure where they're going with that," Raczkowski said.

Lawmakers will likely concentrate on dismantling living wage provisions like the one in Detroit, which not only affects city contracts but nonprofit groups, Raczkowski said.

He also assured city council members the legislation will not be rushed through during the midnight hour.

"This is not on the fast track," Raczkowski said.

LIBRARY
Books In Demand



Editor's note: Every week the Farmington Community Library provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. For more information, please contact the library at 553-0300.

HOT HITS

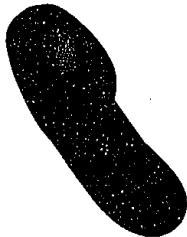
- Black Notices, Patricia Cornwell
- Jupiter's Bones, Faye Kellerman
- "Q" Is for Outlaw, Sue Grafton
- The Alibi, Sandra Brown
- Pop! Goes the Weasel, James Patterson
- Dark Lady, Richard North Patterson
- The Devil's Teardrop: A Novel of the Last Night of the Century, Jeff Deaver
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling
- Mother of Pearl, Meinda Haynes
- Personal Injuries, Scott Turow
- Carnal Innocence, Nora Roberts
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, J.K. Rowling
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J.K. Rowling
- Lala News, Barbara Delinsky
- Tia: A Memoir, Frank McCourt

FALL SALE

SAVE 25-50% ON THE LATEST STYLES IN STORE



40% OFF Woods & Gray collections. Reg. 48.00-69.00, sale 28.00-41.40.



50% OFF Large selection of women's fall shoes from Timberland*, Nine West*, Esprit*, Candie's*, Aigner*, Calico* and Ipanema*. Reg. 52.00-85.00, sale 26.00-42.50.



SALE 29.99 Great selection of stretch bottoms and tops from Raffaella. Reg. 40.00-54.00.



40% OFF a large selection of women's boots and booties from Candie's*, Timberland*, Unisa* and Calico*. Reg. 55.00-110.00, sale 27.50-66.00.



40% OFF Men's Hathaway* made of 100% cotton dress shirts. Reg. 39.50-55.00, sale 23.70-27.00.



40% OFF Large selection of juniors' tops and sweaters. Reg. 38.00, sale 22.80.



SALE 15.99 On our entire stock of Maidenform*, Olga*, Vanity Fair* and Warner* bras. Reg. 25.00-27.00.



40% OFF Ladies' dresses and pantsuits. Reg. 68.00-98.00, sale 40.80-58.80.



40% OFF Long-sleeve tops for boys from PK Kids* and PK Clothing*. Reg. 14.00-28.00, sale 8.40-16.80.

TAKE AN EXTRA
15% OFF

ANY SINGLE SALE OR
CLEARANCE ITEM OF
YOUR CHOICE

PARISIAN

P·A·R·I·S·I·A·N

Sorry, we can't make price adjustments to previously purchased merchandise.

CALL 1-800-484-8188 TO ORDER ANYTIME. STORE HOURS: Laurel Park Place open Sun. 12-6, Mon.-Sat. 10-8.
FOR INFORMATION call 953-7500. CHARGE IT! Parleian Credit Card, MasterCard, Visa, the American Express® Card or Discover®.

LOCATED AT LAUREL PARK PLACE IN LIVONIA, ON THE CORNER OF PINEBURGH ROAD AND SIX MILE ROAD (TAKE THE SIX MILE ROAD EXIT OFF INTERSTATE 275).

Yard sale to aid woman

A giant yard sale Parkview Baptist Church in Livonia will aid a Westland woman who is a candidate for a lung transplant.

Donated clothes and more will be on sale at the church until 5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The church is at 9555 Stark, near Hines Drive.

Proceeds will go to the National Transplant Assistance Fund



SALE
RECYCLED
PLANTS & POTS
SEPT. 16, 17, 18
1999
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Planterra
TROPICAL GREENHOUSES, INC.
7315 DRAKE ROAD
WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI
(248) 661-1515
Just North of I-4 Mile Road