Suburban GOP Cool To Transit Plan

By TIM RICHARD

From the figures, it looked as if Gov. William Millisen was a fire own a big victory when he persuaded the Republican state convention to reject a resolution opposing the state snew two-cent gasoline tax black with the resolution opposing the state snew two-cent gasoline tax black with the resolution opposing the state of the tax bike which includes a half-cent for public transportation. On puper that doks like nearly a 1+ victory [for the governor, in champion of "balanced transportation," but in truth there are same soft spots:

Two voice votes were so close that convention chairman Nancy Chase of Ann Arbor hald to resort to the total.

Millisen himself took

Anyone who expected last we eke nd 's Mi ch is an "Republican state convention in Detroit to be dull wasn't centing on Man't gloert and Kental Attellison. Miss Egbert, 20, formerly of Northville and now legally a Livonia resident, and Att-chison. 19, of northwest Detroit, ran campaigns sia sophisticated as any senior party member had ever put logether.

Miss Epbert won the third Miss Epbert won the third Miss Epbert won the third senior and the senior s

together.
Miss Egbert won the third vice chairmanship in a roll call vote that concluded the convention. The third VC seat by party rules must go to someone between the ages of 12 and 21.

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sailboats, sail dynamics, wind,
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road. It is designed to give new

the podium, interrupting the roll call timproper under most parliamentary nules, to denounce the proposal as 'irresponsible' and say lie passage would be a 'direct repudiation' of him and his works.

You big suburban delegations, the 4th and the 17th, were bound up in recounts so that their votes were never recorded.

There were other weak spots in suburban delegations, even though the suburbas would be among the chief beneficiaries of a major lax hike goal: Takeover by (the Southeastern Michigan Txansportation, Authority) of

sportation -Authority of Detroit's DSR bus system and a metropolitan bus system.

TAKE, FOR ONE notable example, the case of the 17th
 Milliken himself took District, which covers north-

MARI EGBERT got guidance on the floor of the GOP state convention from State Sen. Call Pursell, who helped her win the third (youth) vice tate party {Observer photo

Students Stir Up

GOP Convention

SHE BEGAN her career 14 in the Northville Teenage Republican Club and in 1970 was a youth coordinator in the successful campaign of State Sen. Carl Pursell R-

Pursell returned the favor by letting the Egbert team use his office in Lansing and by advising them on strategy.

"You know, she's got at least five persons working for her in every congressional district." Pursell marveled.

It showed. She carried 7 of the 19 congressional districts; Aitchison won one, and another failed to complete its tally.

The 2nd (Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Washtenaw and Monroe) levent for Egbert, 85 to 10; the 15th (Garden City, Westland, Canon and points south) backed her. 46 to 18. Only his home 17th (northwest Detroit, Redford, Southfield, Lathrup and

Plymouth).

west Detroit, Redford Town-ship, Southfield and Farming-ton.

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favor of the amendment and
41 opposed - a more than 2
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took the delegation to the rear
of the Cobo thall convention
room in an effort to get a
more jaccurate count. Meanwhile: Milliken backers used
all their powers of persussion
on the antagonistic votes.

As the 17th still caucused, convention secretary Weldon Yeager announced that enough votes had been accumulated to indicate the proposal had been defeated.

A Redford delegate, Clarence Irwin, charged that Hammond and the district leadership polled the delegation four separate times

without a vote being changed. Irwin said Redford delegate sentiment was heavily in favor of the gasoline tax repeal. He blamed Ham-mond's alleged delaying tac-tics for depriving the 17th of its vote.

IT'S ONE THING for a party to oppose its own governor's proposa. But in this case, the matter was more serious because the gasoline tax hike, with its public transit provisions, has already been enacted into law.

Moreover, the western swa all the most suburbs' degree of dissent was all the most cast party of the bill was Carl Pursell of Plymouth. It's not unusual for a governor to plead his case directly to delegates. Milliken's predecessor, George Romney, often did so. But last Saturday, Milliken dropped his lunch and interruption of call to plead his cause. All standard parliamentary rules forbid the interruption of anything but a fire, and some delegates attempted to shoul down Milliken sou did offer. The governor raised his vioce and got his way. But it was close.

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AITCHISON'S own organization was nearly as good. The University of Michigan student said that so far he is the only youth vice chairman of a senior party or g a ni z a tion (17th Congressional District) in the

Congressional District) in the state. Denzil Hammond, 17th Denzil Hammond, 17(n district chairman, spoke glowingly of Aitchison's work as an advance man for Sen. Robert Griffin's successful 1972 campaign: "Kent doesn't come in and

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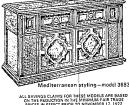
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