

Brodhead sees consensus

Democrats want gas allocation

By WYLIE GERDES

Energy allocation, which controlled oil consumption last year but produced long lines at gasoline stations, may be the Democratic-controlled Congress' reply to a proposed oil tax increase.

U.S. Rep. William Brodhead (D-Detroit) told a group of oil industry executives Monday night that there is a consensus developing in Congress for an allocation program.

Brodhead made his first formal speaking appearance since being elected to the 17th District post. The district includes Southfield, Farmington, Redford Township and northwest Detroit.

He defended the U.S. House for delaying its answer to President Gerald Ford's oil tax increases. Brodhead said the House studied both the tax increase and rationing before sentiment turned to allocation.

The Congress passed a law setting aside Ford's tax proposals but it's a "virtual certainty," Ford will veto it.

Allocation is "probably what it's going to be," but Ford's tax hikes may still prevail.

"The jury is out on that one,"

Brodhead, a member of the House's subcommittee on energy, said the tax hike is "very highly inflationary," and the "burden of paying the tax would fall rather unequally in society."

THE TAX INCREASE might not cut consumption, he added, but merely change who is consuming.

"It's a foregone conclusion that rationing is out," Brodhead commented on the third oil consumption control method.

Rationing would require a large bureaucracy to administer and create the possibility of a black market. There would be many individual problems, such as persons who must visit doctors, which would be difficult to handle under rationing.

Rationing doesn't have appeal to people who have been through it, who have suffered under it.

The country may be more willing to accept allocations and resultant lines than it was last year, Brodhead said. Last year, he said, many people were not convinced an energy shortage existed.

Now, people will make sacrifices in order to solve the problem.

"None of the solutions are good, but this may be the least bad."

Brodhead faced some uncomfortable questions before the group, the

Detroit Oilmen's Club. After his speech and a question-and-answer session, the club's president complimented the freshman Congressman for "guts and courage" in his responses.

In answer to a club member who argued that the problem is balance of payments rather than energy, Brodhead said there wouldn't be a problem if the country were willing to pay any price for energy.

"If we were willing to burn coal, chew up the Rocky Mountains for oil shale and spew out everything into the air, then we'd have plenty of energy, but we've made a decision as a nation not to do this."

Brodhead's opposition to oil depletion allowances drew a series of questions, generally pointed in favor of allowances, from the oilmen.

Depletion allowances, tax credits for oil pumped from the ground, "probably will be reduced and maybe eliminated. Obviously, though, we have to reconsider in light of the energy crisis."

Brodhead added he traditionally felt that the depletion allowances are unfair. It's important that investment in energy be stimulated but also important that the industry pay its fair share of taxes.

"I'm telling you what my bias is but that I have an open mind on it."

Brodhead opposed higher consumer prices in a series of questions relating to ending federal regulations on production.

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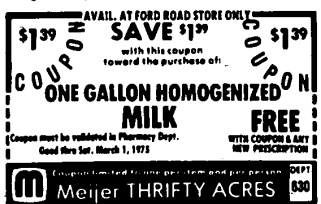
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Police said three men entered Righty-Righty Amusement on Eight Mile. Each wore a mask and each was armed with a 12 gauge shotgun.

One of the bandits fired a shotgun blast into the ceiling and ordered the owner and patrons of the arcade to lie on the floor, police said. Another fired into the ceiling again and the three began taking wallets and purses from these on the floor. Police said the three took more than \$250.

One of the bandits fired again, this time striking the side of a pinball machine and then all three fled, police said. Southfield officers followed the tracks to the rear of the building where a car was apparently waiting.

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