

# Senate OK's strike bill

LANSING—Suburban senators split 3-1 with one absent as the Michigan Senate Tuesday gave 20 to 14 approval to a teacher strike bill that Gov. Milliken has threatened to veto.

Supporting the bill, reshaped to the liking of the AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers, were Sens. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park), whose district includes Farmington and Southfield,

William Faust (D-Westland), whose district includes Garden City and Canton Township; and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), whose district includes Livonia and Redford Township.

Opposed was Sen. David Plawinski (D-Dearborn Heights), whose district includes the often-struck Crestwood School District.

Absent was Donald Bishop (R-Rochester), whose district includes Rochester, Troy and most of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

PURSELL, THUS split with most of his party on a version of the bill that would legalize teacher strikes lasting until Oct. 1.

The bill goes back to the House, where it originated. The House is expected to approve the Senate version.

Capitol observers doubted there would be any new teacher strike law this year because of the impasse between labor-oriented Democrats and the Republican governor.

In that event, Michigan school districts would operate under the current law, which on paper prohibits teacher strikes but which in practice has resulted in work stoppages that have lasted months.

PRIOR TO Tuesday's floor action, the bill would have allowed strikes of up to three weeks with losses of salary if the strike continued past Sept. 9.

But Senate Democratic leader William B. Fitzgerald, with the aid of labor lobbyists, maneuvered an amendment that would allow strikes of up to four weeks, with loss of salary in the third and fourth weeks.

The House version, even more popular with labor, would have permitted legal strikes of nearly five weeks, with loss of salary for only the fourth and fifth weeks.

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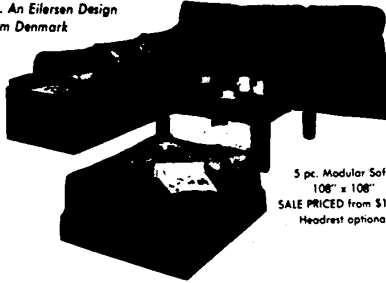
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