

# Representatives back reform bill

All 13 state representatives from the Observer & Eccentric area voted for final passage of the sweeping political reform bill which cleared the House 74-29 July 22.

## Military Service

### HELPS EVACUEES

Sergeant Michael A. Carney, brother of Miles Carney of Troy, has been temporarily serving at Andersen AFB, Guam, with an Air Force unit which has played an important part in the evacuation of more than 100,000 Vietnamese refugees to Guam en route to the United States.

Sgt. Carney, an air passenger specialist from Yokota AB, Japan, has been at Andersen serving with the Military Airlift Command's 605th military airlift support squadron.

During the massive evacuation, personnel of the 605th teamed with crews from the Strategic Air Command to help process, house, feed and care for the arriving refugees. In addition, they became interpreters for the Vietnamese, helping them solve any immediate problems and locate missing relatives.

Sgt. Carney is a 1971 graduate of St. Rita High School, Detroit.

### PROMOTED

Marine Lance Corporal Terry A. Wright, son of Mrs. Donna Wright of Southfield, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Marine Division, at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A former student of Southfield High School, he joined the Marine Corps in 1971.

### ON DUTY

Marine Lance Corporal Michael W. O'Connor, son of Mrs. Patricia A. Plafie of Troy, has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division of the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A former student at Kimball High School, he joined the Marine Corps in April, 1973.

### IN JOINT EXERCISE

Airman First Class Michael E. Waschall, son of Edward Waschall of Troy, recently participated in "Gallant Shield 75," a U.S. Readiness Command joint force training exercise conducted near Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Airman Waschall, a communications specialist at Bergstrom AFB, Tex., with a unit of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, was among several thousand Air Force, Army, Reserve and National Guardsmen taking part in special air and ground maneuvers.

The exercise was designed to test operational capabilities of the combined services while functioning under simulated wartime conditions.

Airman Waschall is a 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. His mother is Mrs. Valerie Binns of Delmar, N.Y.

### FINISHED BASICS

Air National Guard Airman Anthony Wesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wesley of Troy, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Wesley will receive specialized training as an armament systems specialist at Lowry, AFB, Colo.

He is a 1973 graduate of Warren High School and attended Michigan State University in East Lansing.

## Development money given to communities

Local Oakland County communities will receive part of a \$904,000 Community Development grant for use on road improvement, drainage projects, senior citizens programs and other projects.

The money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, does not require local matching funds.

The largest grant, for \$164,200, will be used on drainage projects in Farmington Hills, Avon Township and four other communities.

Communities receiving money and its purpose are:

- Farmington for parking lots, park development and planning management.

- Birmingham for sidewalk improvement, community building and contingencies.

- Lathrup Village for sidewalk improvement, park development and rehabilitation loans and grants.

- West Bloomfield Township for sidewalk improvement, rehabilitation loans and grants, planning management and administration.

- Farmington Hills for code enforcement.

- Troy for planning management.

Gov. Milliken is expected to sign the measure after it clears the Senate.

VOTING IN support were Reps. John Bennett (D-Redford), Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington), Thomas Brown (D-Westland), James DeBevoise (R-Birmingham), Richard Forbes (R-Oak Park), R. Robert Geake (R-Northville), William Kelch (D-Garden City), Melvin Larsen (R-Oxford), John Markes (D-Westland), Ruth McNamee (R-Birmingham) and Roy Smith (R-Vpsilanti).

MARKES, THE BILL'S floor manager, called it "the most far-reaching political reform measure in the country"—and even its sometimes bitter critics agreed with that assessment.

The 71-page measure provides strict new controls over political money raising, lobbying and conduct in office. It requires disclosure of private finances by public officials from the governor to township officials as well as members of their families.

Starting with the 1978 campaign, the bill would provide public financing of gubernatorial contests—the first measure of its type in the nation. Expenditure limits would be \$1 million for primaries and \$1 million for November elections.

OPPONENTS, mainly Republicans, were defeated in an effort to strike the public financing portion of the bill.

But they succeeded in limiting the amount to be raised from voluntary income tax checkoffs to \$2.

Individual contributions would be limited to \$1,700, but organized groups such as physicians or labor unions could contribute 10 times that amount in statewide races.

Republicans, originally as much in favor of the bill as Democrats, withdrew much support when they were unable to amend it to reduce what they called favored treatment for organized labor.

"Although the bill is a compromise between what Common Cause originally had wanted and what elected officials would prefer," Markes, the bill's floor manager, said, "It still has great merit, and, as approved, probably will be the most far-reaching political reform measure in the country."

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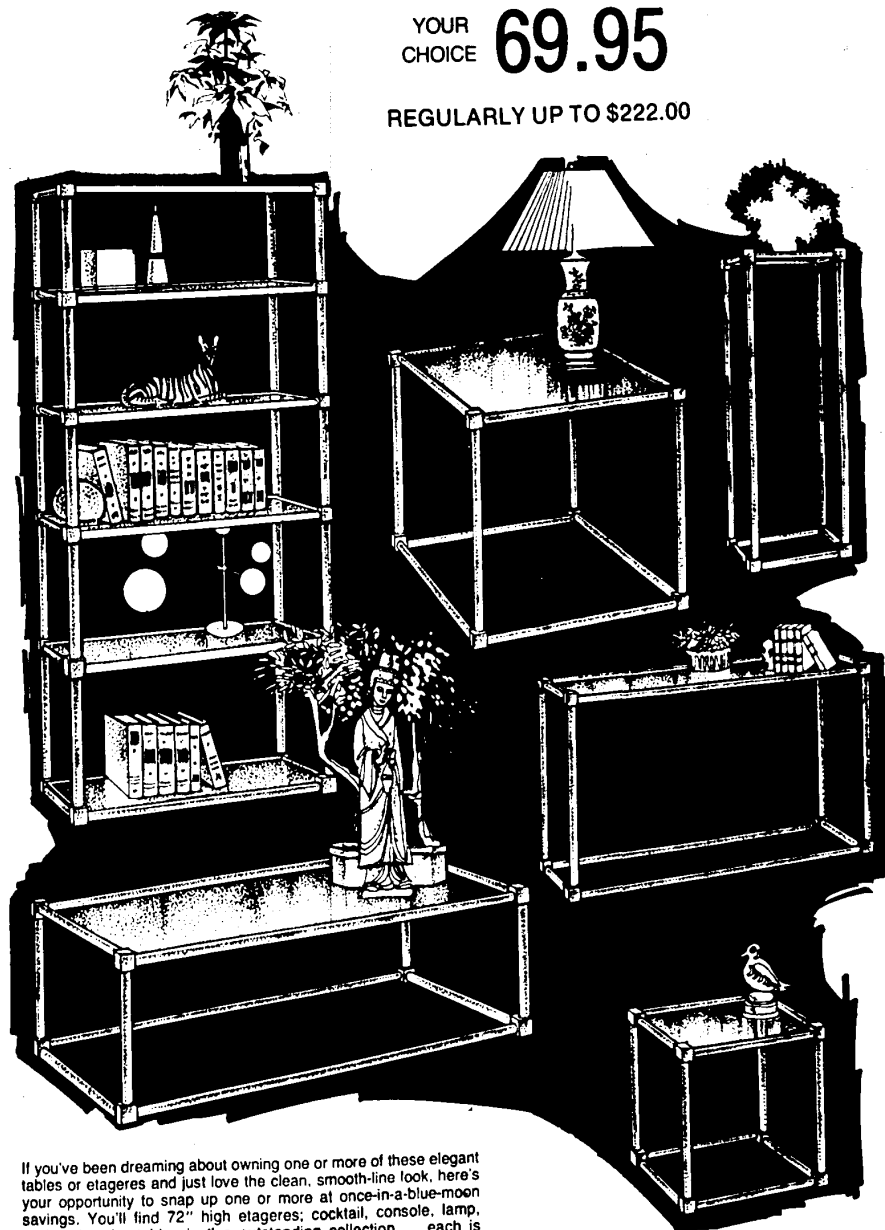
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