

House suburbanites back federal tax cut

Suburban congressmen gave 8-1 support as the House last week gave 237-168 approval to a tax cut-reform bill without the spending lid that President Ford wanted.

The dissenter was Rep. Marvin Eash (R-Ark. Arbor), who charged the bill was "fooling the public."

Backers included James O'Hara (D-Utica), whose 12th District includes part of the Rochester community; William D. Ford (D-Taylor), whose 15th District covers Garden City, Westland and Canton; William Brodhead (D-Dec-

troit), whose 17th District includes Redford, Southfield and Farmington; James Blanchard (D-Pleasant Ridge), whose 18th District has most of Troy; and William Broomfield (R-Birmingham), whose 19th District includes western Rochester, West Bloomfield and the villages near Birmingham.

"WE DEFINITELY need to continue this tax cut in 1978 to stimulate purchasing power and production," said O'Hara.

"I don't think the administration's position makes any sense economically. Putting on a spending ceiling violates any stimulus of a tax cut."

O'Hara said that while the bill took too few steps at tax reform, it included enough reform to be worthwhile. He cited "removal of abuses on accelerated depreciation on real estate, farm operations and oil and gas wells—a limit on their artificial losses."

"Minimum tax provisions were tightened for persons with large amounts of tax exempt income," O'Hara added.

COUNTERED ESCH: "We have to tie any tax decrease into some kind of

balancing of the budget. In 1967-68 we set a ceiling on spending."

The bill goes to the Senate, where the Taxation Committee was scheduled to begin hearings this week.

"Before the bill goes to the president's desk, we will have some kind of ceiling," he predicted. "It's time to stop fooling the public. For too long, we've suggested we're giving 'em something when all we're giving them is more inflation."

Congress must act this month or else some \$13 billion in individuals' tax cuts and some business tax cuts will expire. The reform measures, added by liberals as amendments, will bring an estimated \$1.3 billion into the Treasury.

If the tax cuts aren't extended, the Treasury would pick up \$13.5 billion in unexpected revenue.

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The team championships will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The individual finals and presentations of awards will start at 7 p.m.

Olga Korbut, Ludmila Turischieva and the USSR gymnastic team have been invited to make the presentation of awards.

Teams competing in the 1975 M.O.O. Meet are, from Michigan: the Bloomfield Hills Acrobats, Plymouth Gym Club, Ludington Omastics; from Ohio: Bodner Belis (Lakewood), Gymnastics of Ohio (Canton) 1974 M.O.O. Meet champions, Kettering YMCA, Twigs Christian Gymn. Club (Miami); from Ontario: Aeriales (Burlington-Oakville). Additional "wild card" teams are The Gymnast (Montreal, Quebec), the Yarns (McKeesport, Pa.), the Bee-gees (Monessen, Pa.), McKinley YMCA (Champaign, Ill.).

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