

# Republicans kill union picket bill

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Three suburban congressmen were principal opponents in the congressional struggle over the construction workers' picketing bill ultimately vetoed by the president.

Democrats William D. Ford of the 12th District and James O'Hara of the 12th District won the war, however, when President Ford vetoed the bill.

Area congressmen split along party lines, with Democrats William Brodhead of the 17th and James Blanchard of the 18th supporting it and Republican William Brodhead of the 18th opposing it.

The bill—referred to as the "common situs" bill—would have allowed a union in a dispute with a single subcontractor on a construction job to picket the entire site, luring other unions "to stay out and closing down the job."

The AFL-CIO Building Trades Council said O'Hara and Bill Ford were "principal lieutenants" in getting congressional passage after a 26-year battle. The labor group said each was a major leader against it and introduced many amendments to "cripple" it.

A DENVER dispute in 1949 triggered the yet-unresolved issue.

## OU offers 4 computer courses

Four new 10-week computer courses will be offered by the Division of Continuing Education at Oakland University beginning the week of Jan. 19.

The new nondegree evening courses for the winter 1976 term are assembler language IBM 360 on Mondays, structured programming on Tuesdays, basic systems analysis and design on Wednesdays, and report program generator programming on Thursdays. All of the courses will meet from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The computer courses range in complexity from introduction to computers, an explanatory course in layman's terms, to specific computer programming languages, Basic and Cobol, both on Mondays, and advanced Cobol on Wednesdays.

Also offered are Fortran IV computer programming on Thursdays and introduction to computer operations on Wednesdays.

To request detailed information about the computer courses and courses in other areas scheduled for the winter term or to register, call Continuing Education, 377-3120, after Jan. 4.

## Gifted group plans meeting

The Oakland County Association for the Talented and Gifted will meet at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 7, at Andover High School, Telegraph and Long Lake roads, in Bloomfield Township.

Jack Molloy, director of pupil services for the Bloomfield Hills schools, will chair the meeting. Included on the agenda will be the Bloomfield Hills Task Force reports on the academically talented and on methods for identifying the academically talented.

The public is invited to attend and to participate in the discussion which will follow the meeting in the school library.

Questions can be answered by calling Molloy's office: 647-1224.

## 10 regional parks

Ten Metroparks, in the valleys of the Huron and Clinton Rivers, serve the Detroit Metropolitan Area. These parks are Metro Beach Metropark near Mt. Clemens, Stony Creek Metropark near Utica, Marshbank Metropark near Pontiac, Kensington Metropark near Willford, Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron and Delhi Metroparks, each near Ann Arbor, Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville, Willow Metropark near New Boston, and Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock.

A general contractor gave a subcontractor to a non-union electrical firm. The construction trades picketed the site, and the general contractor threw out the non-union electrical subcontractor.

The subcontractor sued for an injunction to stop the picketing, charging it was a secondary boycott prohibited by the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act, and won in a National Labor Relations Board decision.

A secondary boycott exists when a union persuades a person (the general contractor) to cease doing business with a second person (the non-union firm).

Labor's position has been that the two firms should be treated as a single entity because they are on one site ("common situs"). It has since

then pressed for the legalization of common situs picketing.

BILL FORD, a ranking member of the House Education and Labor Committee, was greatly disappointed because he felt several provisions that President Ford had insisted upon were in the bill.

He said he used "every method to lead Congress along in anticipation the president would agree to the bill." He said common situs picketing was considered fair by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft and every president from Truman to Nixon.

Rep. Ford said "internal Republican politics" made the bill controversial. He said President Ford, worried about the threat on the right from conservative Ronald Reagan, was seeking to undercut right wing op-

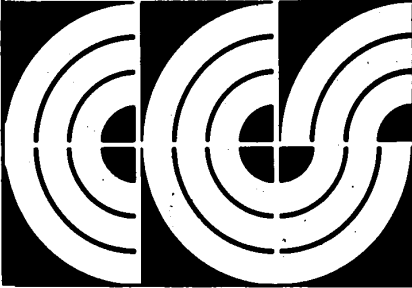
position to his administration and 1976 candidacy.

ESCH, IN A letter to the president, urged a veto because:

"The bill would have a serious economic impact on the construction industry by increasing work stoppages at the very time we are hopefully moving toward some stability.

"The construction industry needs greater predictability in both labor and tax fields to finally bring them out of the economic downturn."

Each said Labor Secretary John Dunlop wanted to gain a bill that would be acceptable to both labor and management but that "industry spokesmen do not believe Title II represents fair collective bargaining legislation."



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