

Here's a look at Brotherton's record

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State Representative Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington) has received a rating of 35 from the Conservative Party of Michigan for his voting record in the state house.

Brotherton, whose district includes part of Southfield, was rated along with other state legislators on a scale of 0-100, with the lowest number being liberal and the highest conservative.

Brotherton's rating was contrasted to State Representative Joseph Forben (D-Ann Arbor), whose district also includes parts of Southfield, who received a 4 rating.

Among the major bills considered by the house which Brotherton cast a "no" vote were the rapid transit bills considered July 2.

Both bills were defeated.

THE FIRST BILL, known as the Ryan version of the rapid transit bill, contained a tri-county auto and real estate transfer tax. It would restructure Southeast Michigan Transit Authority (SEMTA), with membership being made up of five Detroit residents. Ten other members would also be appointed.

The Senate version of the transit bill contained only a motor vehicle tax. It would have restructured the SEMTA board to 21 members, with four from Detroit.

Brotherton joined a losing cause when he voted against SB 830, which would have allowed district courts to appoint magistrates—persons with administrative powers of judges. Powers include signing search warrants, accepting guilty pleas in minor cases, setting bonds and performing marriages.

The bill passed in February with a 76-32 split.

A "no" vote was cast by Brotherton on the controversial single business tax, which was passed by the house and presently is in effect.

The bill repeals eight taxes on business, including corporate income tax. It substitutes a single "value added" tax. The bill has met much protest by service industry businesses because the tax eases up on heavy industry, while taxing at such businesses as insurance and real estate companies.

Brotherton also found himself in the losing column when he voted against HB 5629, which allowed public employees to participate in politics. The bill passed 81-34. The bill allows public employees to join political party committees serve as convention delegates and run for elective office without obtaining leaves of absence. An employee of a local governmental unit would have to resign if elected to a board or unit in that unit.

On HB 5286, the political reform act, Brotherton voted "no." Although it was passed by the house, it was ruled unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court because the legislature tried to put too many topics in a single bill.

The bill deals with lobbyist disclosures, personal finances of elected and appointed officials, creation of an ethics commission, campaign finance reform.

Brotherton also voted "no" on HB 3947, dealing with Wayne County board appointments. The bill passed in March by a 77-38 vote.

It would allow the county board to fill vacancies by appointment.

IN THE 'YES' COLUMN, Brotherton voted for the bill giving aid to the City of Detroit and Pontiac Stadium. The bill was passed June 9, by a 56-40 vote. The bill provides \$25 million to Detroit, including \$5.5 million for library, \$5.5 million for the art institute and \$14 million for the general hospital.

The stadium bill received 60-40. Brotherton also cast his support for HB 5446 which authorizes some wraparound drug cases.

The bill was passed by vote of 70-31. It removes criminal liability from police who carry wraparound equipment in order to stay in touch with other police officers. Material gathered from wraparound would be inadmissible as court evidence.

A bill to eliminate "good time" from prison sentences of persons sentenced on drug charges was passed by the house with Brotherton's support.

"Good time" is the practice of reducing prison sentences of convicts who behave well.

A bill which sets up a mobile home commission to regulate the mobile home industry was supported by Brotherton.

It was passed by the house in February by a vote of 72-28.

The bill is aimed at cleaning up alleged abuses, such as move-in charges. It sets some size and density requirements.

Brotherton joined the majority in supporting the auto repair licensing bill. It requires certification of all auto mechanics by 1981. Customers must be given a written estimate but may waive it for work less than \$20.

Under the bill, repair costs may exceed the written estimate by 10 or 15 per cent, whichever is smaller, without customer approval.

The Farmington legislator also joined in passing the Homesteaded property tax relief. It would delay for one year the income tax breaks for farmers and minor citizens for the property tax payments.

He also supported the Keith-Larson teacher strike bill which was passed by the House.

It allows teacher unions to strike up to five weeks. They would lose pay after three weeks.

Other bills supported by Brotherton were:

•HB 5284 which requires nursing homes to get certificates of need before expanding by \$100,000 or more.

•SB 101 which gives the attorney general new legal weapons such as subpoena and injunctive power to fight unfair and deceptive business practices.

•SB 1003 which mandates the courts to put Environmental Protective Agency lawsuits at the top of their civil calendars.

8 graduated at Mich. Tech

Michigan Technological University graduates included Lee E. Blodgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Blodgett, of 3608

Hall Ave., Farmington, who received a BS in geological engineering; Charles S. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Hamilton, of 3608 Brittany Dr., Farmington, who received an AAS in civil engineering; Beth A. Hartmann, daughter of Mrs. Joan Hartmann, 3281 Oakshire, Farmington, who received a BS in medical technology; Dean Kourjian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kourjian, 3281 Oakshire, Farmington, who received a BS in mechanical engineering; and Michael G. Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mansfield, 3281 Oakshire, Farmington, who received a BS in civil engineering.

Others included were: John J. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perry, of 2281 Powers, Farmington, who received a BS in civil engineering; Kathryn E. Davetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Davetta, of 2514 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills, who received a BS in medical technology, with honors Robert J. Sirkas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sirkas, of 2050 Springfield, Farmington Hills, who received a BS in electrical engineering.

Six days six meals dig in!

For those who like to eat their way through the Founders Festival days, there will be good hunting at the Masonic Temple.

The temple association will begin its week of good food on July 16 with a chicken barbecue from noon to 6 p.m.

On July 20 there will be a party supper at the Masonic Temple, on July 29 there will be an old-fashioned corned beef. Both run from 5-7 p.m. and are sponsored by the Trinity White Shrine 44.

On July 30 Eastern Star 220 will serve a deluxe steak dinner from 5-7 p.m. On July 31, John Daughters, Bethel 50 will serve a ham dinner, 5-7 p.m.

On Aug. 1, the Trinity White Shrine 44 will round out the week's meals with a pancake breakfast, 9-11 a.m.

The Shrine is also sponsoring the crafters' corner and is around the temple. There is a charge for the meals, and the craft items will be for sale. The public is invited to all events. The crafts will be on display from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday during the festival.

Ferris lists local honors

Ferris State College in Big Rapids has included the following local residents in their academic honors list: In Farmington,

Richard L. Campbell, 3202 Overdale; Lou Demarco, Jr., 3011 Farmington Road; Thomas L. Griffin, 2012 Briarhill; Deborah A. Korte, 3202 Overdale; Martha J. Kubitany, 3012 Pipers Lane Ct.; Diane M. McCallum, 2271 Thorndyke.

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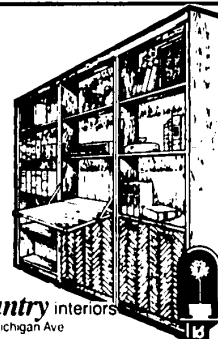
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