

Crim blames economic woes on labor and business discord

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The push and pull of labor and business, and lack of diversified industry, are creating the blight in Michigan's economic climate.

That is the opinion of Bobby D. Crim (D-DuSable), Speaker of the State House of Representatives, who spoke to Detroit Board of Realtors in Southfield's Northland Inn Monday.

Democrats have been considered wild-eyed, spending liberals who are in the pockets of labor," Crim said. "Republicans have been stereotyped as sticking

their hands in the pockets of big business. But that's not the way it is.

The problem is the inability to get labor and business together to recognize they have similar troubles and they could find solutions in concert.

Representatives of business and labor historically make heroic speeches to their constituents, Crim contended. The two entities are polarized and lack their problems to the state legislature to solve, he maintained.

UNLESS BOTH sectors become more responsible, the state business climate will be slow to improve, according to Crim.

Big business can afford to meet contractual demands of big labor," Crim said. "But small companies can't meet labor contract issues. Medium and small businesses have little control over their fates, and that's where lack of diversification comes in.

Michigan has a history of boom and bust periods. We can't drive out diverse businesses and expect a boom trend in the economic market. The legislature can be a catalyst but it can't solve problems of business and labor when they're at cross purposes.

Members of the state legislature, Crim said, recognize the plight of small business and are attempting to develop a tax credit program. Crim said he supported the concept of the Single Business Tax (SBT) but disagreed with many provisions of the law.

THE SBT bill was changed five times before it was passed into law, Crim said. The purpose of the measure was to benefit small business, he contended, but it didn't do the job.

Gov. William Milliken's SBT Advisory Task Force is analyzing the effects of the law. But the response to the task force survey by members of the small business community has been poor, Crim said. Legislators want a chance to consider recommendations for substantive changes in the law until 1979, he said.

The task force will conduct public hearings on the SBT from 1:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 in the auditorium of the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac. Another hearing will be Dec. 16 in Detroit.

Discussions will focus on the impact of the SBT on small and low profit business," Crim said. Proposals include increasing the \$31,000 statutory exemption, providing tax credits for low profit firms and an alternative computation for businesses below a defined economic size.

The basic concept is incentives for business expansion and rewards in the state. The proposals are to tax small firms on a basis of ability to pay.

THE TASK force also has turned in on the larger impact of the SBT on labor intensive businesses, Crim said. Proposed alternatives include lowering the law's labor intensity threshold, deleting payroll taxes from the tax base, allowing a total write-off of labor investment and increasing taxes on profits.

The state legislature, Crim contended, has been fixated for the past three years increasing revenues about the poor business cli-

mate in Michigan. Legislators are waiting for final recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Task Force on Property Tax Reform to assess the best way to revise the state's tax structure.

Crim said he does not agree with Milliken's tax base sharing proposal although it's still viable. The concept is that local property tax revenues from new business growth would be distributed among communities on a formula determined need.

"The governor's answer to economic disparity between urban and suburban communities would create problems and turn into a political battle," Crim maintained. "The measure would take years to become effective and cities can't wait."

Crim outlined the property tax as a regressive system and methods of financing education need restructuring. He advocates a shift in taxes to stimulate disparities between school districts across the state.

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