

Power counts on the suburbs

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Philip Power, one of six candidates seeking the Democratic senatorial nomination, wants the suburban vote.

"The suburbs are the swing areas. They have a higher portion of ticket-splitters and independents. There are more movable voters," said Power after a campaign appearance in Livonia last week.

"If you're designing a statewide campaign, you have to zero in on the suburbs."

POWER, THE publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers who is making his first bid for elected office, is taking aim at the suburban vote by stressing those issues near and dear to the hearts of suburbanites, including the tax revolt and federal housing guidelines which make low-income housing a requirement for obtaining federal community development funds.

Following in the footsteps of Michigan's much-publicized tax limitation



PHILIP POWER zeroing in

proposal, Power said he would introduce legislation in the U.S. Senate that would limit federal spending to 22.9 per cent of the country's potential Gross National Product (GNP). The figure, Power said, was the average of government spending over the past four years.

He also said his legislation would prohibit deficit government spending unless national unemployment figures rose above four per cent.

"The only time the federal government should be running a deficit is when times are bad, when it should stimulate job creation and economic

growth so that people can go back to work," Power said.

POWER ROUNDLY criticized another federal tax plan which is being boosted by U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Traverse City). The plan, introduced into Congress by Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) and Sen. William Roth (R-Del.), would reduce federal income taxes by an average of 30 per cent.

"The Kemp-Roth plan is an entire fraud. You just can't take 30 per cent out of the federal revenues," Power said. He contended that the government would run even more of a deficit than now.

Answering Kemp-Roth supporters who say the tax cut would spur capital development and "unprecedented" economic growth, Power there was "absolutely no proof" of such results.

WHILE PEOPLE may be in revolt over taxes, Power said, the suburbs

were particularly disenfranchised with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD recently cut off federal community development funds to the City of Birmingham because its voters turned down proposals which would have called for construction of low-income housing units in addition to housing for senior citizens.

HUD also took similar action against Livonia, Southfield and Dearborn Heights.

Power said HUD must be made to realize that "people in the suburbs have housing problems, too."

"East Birmingham is not Fat City," he said. "The issue is not that the federal government should be telling people where it is to live. But people should have the freedom and ability to live where they wish."

State adds \$20,000 to blizzard aid fund

Communities hit by last January's blizzard may apply for up to \$20,000 in state funds for damages.

The program began earlier this month after it became apparent that federal assistance would fall short of meeting local costs.

While nearly \$14 million in federal aid helped many state communities cover snow removal costs, no relief was given to alleviate budget strains

caused by numerous police, fire and emergency services.

The Emergency Services Division of the Michigan State Police, which will administer the grant program, will be accepting applications from eligible communities from July 24 through Aug. 4.

Applications are to be submitted through the state police emergency services district coordinators.

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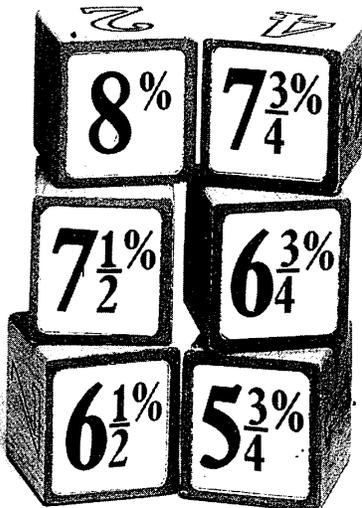
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