

Milliken free to veto anti-abortion bill

Funding package is separated

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Michigan's Medicaid services will go uninterrupted and Gov. William Milliken is again free to veto the state legislature's decision to stop funding state-financed abortions.

A delicately maneuvered compromise enabled legislators to continue voicing their opposition to abortions and state funding for the operations, but will allow the Medicaid funding bill to escape unscathed.

Milliken, who believes women should have the right to choose an abortion and that the state has a responsibility to fund the operation, vetoed an earlier Medicaid funding bill because its language restricted that right. The legislature later approved a temporary appropriation.

Milliken is expected to veto the token \$1 line item in the \$20 million Medicaid appropriations bill.

BOTH LEGISLATIVE houses also approved a policy bill seeking to limit the use of state funds for abortions in cases in which the mother's life is in danger.

Milliken is also expected to veto that bill.

The house of representatives approved the funding bill, 59-34, and the anti-abortion policy bill, 61-27.

Area representatives voting for the Medicaid appropriation were Jack Kirksey (R-Livonia), James DeFebaugh (R-Birmingham), Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park), Richard Fes-



ler (R-Union Lake) and Sal Rocca (D-Sterling Heights).

Those voting against the funding bill included Reps. Thomas Brown (D-Westland), William Keith (D-Garden City), Robert Law (R-Livonia) and Roy Smith (R-Ypsilanti).

Not voting were John Bennett (D-Redford), Wilber Brotherton (R-Farmington) and Ruth McNamee (R-Birmingham).

On the bill opposing abortions only

three area representatives voted "no."—DeFebaugh, Forbes and McNamee.

Supporting the abortion ban were Bennett, Brown, Keith, Kirksey, Law, Smith, Fessler and Rocca.

IN THE SENATE chambers, the members of the upper house approved the appropriations bill, 28-3, and the anti-abortion bill, 21-5.

Three area senators—Donald Bishop (R-Rochester), William Faust (D-Westland) and Robert Geake (R-Northville)—voted for the \$20 million Medicaid appropriation. Sens. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park) and Bill Huffman (D-Madison Heights) did not vote.

Bishop, Huffman and Geake voted for the anti-abortion bill. Cooper opposed it and Faust was absent.

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James L. Stevenson last week became Oakland Community College's (OCC) first vice-president for employee relations.

Stevenson is the second administrator to come to OCC from neighboring Macomb County Community College (MCCC). OCC's new president, Robert F. Roelofs resigned the presidency at Macomb several months ago to succeed the late Joseph Hill.

OCC's new vice-president was MCCC's vice-president for employee relations since 1975. Stevenson lives in Utica.

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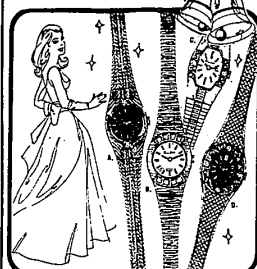


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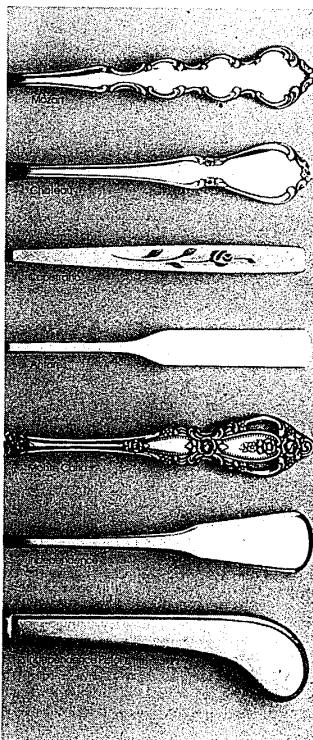
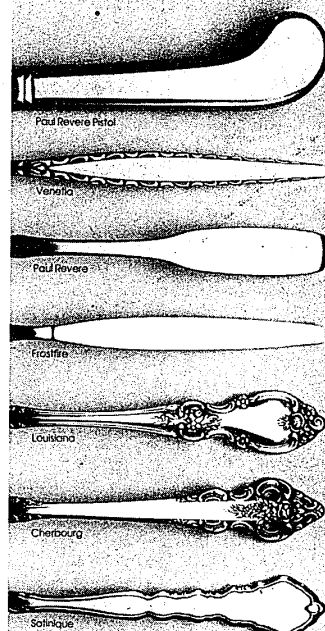
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