Anti-SEMTA proponent new county board head

Richard Wilcox, 'an anti-SEMTA northern commissioner, has replaced Wallace Gabler of Royal Oak as chair-man of the Oakland County board.

man of the Oakland County board. The Board of Commissioners' elec-tion of the Ortonville Republican last week was a formality because Wilcox had been a narrow pick over Gabler, a moderate, at a GOP commissioners' caucus meeting in December. Republicans hold a two-thirds (18-9) county board majority after gaining control of two formery Democratic seats in the November election. Commissioner Lillon Moffit B.

Commissioner Lillian Moffitt, R-Bloomfield Township, was elected vice chairwoman of the board for the fifth consecutive year.

The board chairman is paid \$14,934 annually, about \$1,220 more than the other 25 part-time commissioners. The vice chairman is paid \$14,324 annually.

THE COUNTY board's priorities for the year, Wilcox said, are continued de-velopment of a countywide solid waste disposal system, relieving jail over-crowding and budget "adjustments" due to expected cuts in state and feder-al aid al aid.

due to expected cuts in state and feder-al aid. Publisher of the weekly Ortonville Reminder newspaper, Wilcox, SI, has advocated that the county leave the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Autority (SEMTA), a more initially commission. He was county board Chairman in 1975. Gabler reaged the scorn of conserva-tive Republican commissioners a year ago after he OKI a vote by Oakland's then SEMTA board representative, Henry Hogan Jr., for a SEMTA rapid transit line. The plan included an un-derground portion in Detroit in return for the proposed extension of the Wood-ward light rail line to Royal Oak. for the proposed extension of the Wood-ward light rail line to Royal Oak. Wilcox said he had "no big disagree-

ment" with Gabler's decisions as chair-man, but added: "When you're chair-man for four years, you make various decisions everyone doesn't agree with." Gabler, 60, a bakery company vice president and general manager, said no particular issue led to his defeat as chairman. "It's just a great relief for me," he added. Gabler was first elected to the coun-ty board in 1953, when it was the Board of Supervisors.

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E. Gosting of BJOOTINEED FILLS, NEALING and human resources; John McDonald of Farmington Hilk, personnel; G. Wil-liam Caddell of Walled Lake, planning and building, and recently elected Commissioner James Lanni of Royal Oak, publics services. Murphy and McDonald are the only two repeaters as chairman. The finance committee considers all county spending proposals; the personnel com-mittee oversees county employees. The Republicans hold an 8-4 majori-te and a 6-3 margin on the five other standing committees. The nine Democrats are the (swest innimer on the county board from that party since 1973.

THE BOARD also approved commit-tee appointments as proposed by the Republican majority. Committee chairmen, all Republi-cans, include Dennis Murphy of Novi, inance; Gabler, general government; newly elected Commissioner Marilyan E. Gosling of Bioomfield Hills, health and human resources; John McDonald of Parminden CA, Will.

One congressman representing part foldklad will move onto the powerful Autor Committee this year. Wher Oakhad congressmen will re-tigin affairs and banking committee, among others, in the U.S. House of Rep-essentatives this year. U.S. Rep David Bonior, D-Mont Clemens, whose 12th District includes eastern Avon Township and Rochester, will have a new assignment on the House Riles Committee. "Is one of the Bonior's offices suid. In ardee to get on "House Riles Committee," is one of the Bonior's offices suid. In the Congress, Bonior's offices suid. In ardee Serve Changin suid. The committee also easts forms of House Floor delate and if public scan be amended. It is, in effect, bet 'traffic cop' of the house. Boniory, who begins his third term in fransportation and Merchant Marine and Fisheries committee last year.

REP. WILLIAM Broomfield, R-Bir-mingham, starting his 13th term in the House, will continue to be the ranking

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number on the county board from that party since 1973. "Sworn in last week as new members of the board were the following com-missioners: Republicans George Berton Jackson, Birringham, Gosling, John E. Olsen, Huntington Woods, James E. Lanni, Royal Oak; Charles T. Whitlock, Clarkston; and Leroy M. Cagney Jr. of Milford.

Milford. The sole new Democrat is Donald Geary, Ferndale police chief.

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Republican member of the Foreign Af-fairs Committee. The ranking minority party member is "like a co-chairman," according to a Broomfield aide, although the chair-manship and control of the committee and others is still retained by the House Democratic majority.

and others is still retained by the House Democratic majority. Broomfield, whose 19th District in-cludes the Birmingham-Bioomfield area, Pontiac, the northern and west-ern county townships, has been the ranking foreign affairs Republican for six years. His other committee assignment will positione to kosmall Business Froom-

continue to be Small Business. Broom-field is the ranking Republican on a special subcommittee for small busi-ness problems.

Rep. William Brodhead, D-Detroit, starting his third term in Congress, will retain his membership on the tax-writ-ing Ways and Means Committee.

According to an aide, Brohead will likely be on two subcommittees — trade and public assistance and unemployment compensation.

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