

**Panel studies question**

# High-tech industry for state?

A 12-member advisory group of business and university executives has been appointed by Gov. Milliken to study the development of technology-based industry in Michigan.

The group, which includes financier Max Fisher of Franklin, William Agee, chief executive officer of the Southfield-based Bendix Corp., and W. Michael Blumenthal, president of Burroughs Corp. and former Treasury secretary in the Carter Administration, will study potential development of such industries as microelectronics, computer development, new energy sources, genetic research, chemical research and others.

ROBERT LAW, a former state representative from Livonia, is the governor's staff representative to the group, which will be chaired by Lt. Gov. James Brickley.

The group has no deadline to report to Milliken, Law said, and will direct its attention towards more high-technology research in Michigan.

"Hopefully, there will eventually be a spin-off of industries from that," Law said.

The advisory group and a \$1 million High Technology Innovation Development Fund were outlined by Milliken in his State of the State Address. Law said they are part of the state's plan to "diversify the economic base."

Development of automatic electronics and robotics will be among the group's major study areas, as well the development of a state research park, Law said.

"In the next 10 years, more than 25 percent of the cost of making a vehicle will be in electronic parts," Law said. There is little production of electronic components in the state now, he added.

THE GROUP will propose ways in which universities, the business sector and state government can diversify and expand the state's economy in new technology industries.

"The majority of research is done at the universities, still," Law said.

Also appointed to the group were: Harold Shapiro, University of Michigan President; Dale F. Stein, President, Michigan Technological University; Houghten; Paul W. McCracken, of the U-M School of Business Administration; Donald R. Mandich, President, Detroit Bank and Trust Co.; Alan E. Schwartz, attorney, Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn, Detroit; Samuel N. Irwin, President, Irwin International Corp.; Ann Arbor; William Hubbard, President, Upjohn Corp.; Kalamazoo; Herbert H. Dow, Secretary, Dow Chemical Co.; Midland and Ted Doan, President, Doan Resources Corp., Midland.

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