Local units gain control

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"I'LL VOTE FOR it, but I'm not going out to sell it." she replied in answer to LWV member questioning.

The 14-cent increase in sales tax from 4 to 5½ cents won't all be paid for by Michigan residents, she explained, because backers of the bill are relying on tourism, Michigan's second largest industry, to help foot the increase.

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Michigan is going through some economic grief. Some of it is beyond our control. We can't blame everything on Japanese imports or ocroproate management, the legislator said.

While Japan is almost 100 percent dependent on foreign sales, it has succeeded not just in automation but in all production phases. McNamee said.

That's because they have a different work ethic and better quality control.

Michigan's revenues are very depressed. As unemployment persists, our social services skyrocket. We're not like California. We don't have a tremendous surplus (in the state coffers). Public assistance goes on.

Michigan's most stable industry

Michigan's most stable industry right now is agriculture, she notes. The automobile industry may never be as strong as it once was. It may be different. We must look to food processing, to maximimizing our use of water.

"THIS HAS BEEN a big corporation state. But we have lacked the kind of economic climate where small independent companies can survive," McName said.
The legislator also brought the League up to date on the status of her "anti-fencing" House Bill 1015. It has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

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The bill would regulate the buying and selling of gold and silver.
"It's a totally unregulated business. Thievery and burglary are at an all-time bigh. It is not professional burglars, but our own sons" committing the crimes, she stressed.

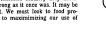
If the House version of the bill passes, buyers will be licensed and required to hold the metal goods seven days before disposing of it. Sellers would be required to show proof of age and ownership.

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