

## Tax sage says

# Tisch III may be unnecessary

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editor

It may not be necessary to go back to the voters a third time with another tax cut plan, Robert Tisch told the Troy Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

About 78 tax reform bills are now pending in the state legislature, and "two or three have a pretty good chance of passage," said the man who has campaigned for tax reform for seven years.

But if nothing has happened by July 1, Tisch will again lead a statewide petition drive — this time to reduce Michigan's full-time legislators to part-timers. He would limit the legislature to 90-day sessions and salaries to \$9,000.

By reducing the length of sessions, Tisch believes he would be helping reduce the bureaucracy and encouraging more capable residents to become actively involved in state government.

"I find massive support for going back to a part-time legislature," said the Shiawassee drain commissioner.

Only five states currently have full-time legislatures, and Michigan's only knows how to "spend, spend, spend," Tisch said. "They really do nothing besides sap us dry."

THE THRUST of his tax reform movement has always been to reduce the size of government, said Tisch. If the current state legislature won't make those reductions, a new crop of legislators might.

"I'm not against taxes, I'm against the overly pompous size of government," he said.

Although Tisch's proposals have called for a 50 percent reduction of the property tax, one of his supporters is about to announce a statewide drive to reduce the state income tax to 4 percent from 4.6 percent and to eliminate the Single Business Tax. Tisch calls Dick Jacobs' proposal a good one, but still believes property tax reform is the best route.

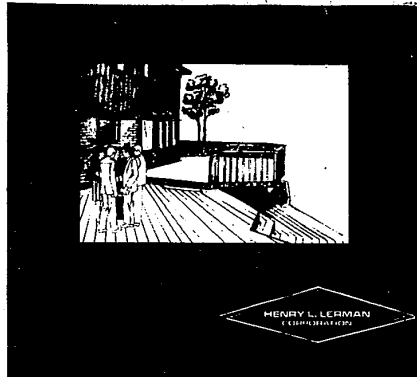
"It's the only tax you've got anything

to say about," he said.

By reducing property taxes and forcing state government to reimburse local governments, you indirectly decrease revenue for — and the size of — state government, he said.

Local control won't be eroded because local city councils and school boards will still make the decisions on spending.

TISCH ATTRIBUTED the voters' rejection of all tax proposals that have been on the ballot to a reluctance to go against government leaders.



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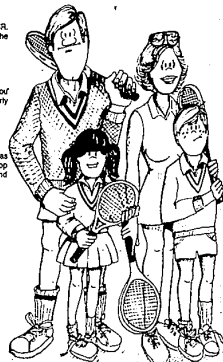
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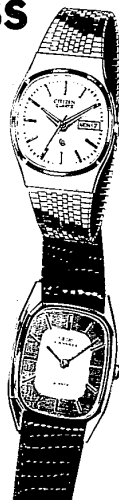
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