

'New' Bill Fitzgerald debuts in governor's race

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The new Bill Fitzgerald shocked some members of the Bedford Democratic Boosters Club late last month.

"You're a demagogue," a woman told the 1978 Democratic nominee for governor as he makes his second bid for the state executive office. The woman referred to his stand on education.

Fitzgerald had just said a number of things he would never have uttered in the days when he was a state representative (1971-74) and senator (1975-78), when he was being openly groomed by the United Auto Workers leadership to be the gubernatorial challenger of William Milliken.

"There's too much anti-business thinking in this Democratic Party," said Fitzgerald, whose former UAW support this year has gone to U.S. Rep. James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge.

"You've been taught that if it helps business, it's anti-union and anti-labor. We in Michigan have to compete for

jobs. In human terms, when we lose jobs and plants, they go to Ohio and Indiana, and take away our ability to educate our children and take care of our disadvantaged."

The shockers came thicker and faster: "Our workers compensation laws are atrocious. We must reform them."

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"A narrow segment of union leaders has made a terrible mistake. On education the 42-year-old Detroit lawyer denounced 'traditional Democratic mish-mash.'"

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"We have hot lunch, cold lunch, bilingual, trilingual" — he rattled off a list of

school services — "and we have a large portion of children who can neither read nor write."

"I'm (called) anti-teacher because I want to know why kids can't read or write. Next I'll be (called) anti-teacher."

On taxes, Fitzgerald said he opposed the personal income tax surcharge currently before the Senate but supports the recent cigarette tax increase, concessions by state workers and budget spending cuts to balance the budget.

And he advocated "responsible property-tax limitation, putting a good distance between himself and property-tax slash advocate Robert Tisch."

For a brief moment, Fitzgerald lined up with current liberal Democrats on a couple of points.

He called the single business tax "a

penalty on employment" and advocated removing workers comp and unemployment comp costs from the tax base, a position in line with some current Democratic proposals.

And he sought to reassure union members that "we're not talking about repeal of child labor laws and (prohibitions against) sweatshops."

Then he blistered state employees for refusing to accept wage-benefit concessions, adding:

"I don't think they should have the right to strike. They have every possible benefit: Civil Service protection, arbitration, non-contributory pensions. 'Blanchard is for public employees' right to strike. And he's against reform of the single business tax."

William Fitzgerald comes out fighting in his latest run for governor. "There's too much anti-business thinking in this Democratic Party," he says. "You've been taught that if it helps business, it's anti-union and anti-labor."

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