



# How Liberal Are Our Congressmen?

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

What a difference two years can make. For politicians subject to ratings on a liberal-conservative scale, the difference becomes readily apparent.

Observer Newspapers decided to find out which of the local men in Congress shifted positions since each was charted just prior to the big elections of 1968.

You'll recall that incumbent President Lyndon Johnson, a man rated only 10 percentage points from being a "perfect" liberal on the left of the 100-point scale, was fighting for his political life that year.

You'll recall, also, that Hubert H. Humphrey, who rated eight points more liberal, engaged in a battle with Richard Nixon, who was clear at the other end of the scale, just 17 points from being a "perfect" conservative.

NIXON WON the battle and became president of the United States, chief executive officer of the government and commander in chief of the armed forces.

He carried fellow conservative Spiro Agnew into

office as presiding officer of the Senate but failed to achieve a majority in either house of Congress.

What has happened to the voting patterns of your local congressmen and U.S. senators under these circumstances? How do these compare to some other members of congress?

As in our report of 1968 stances, the ratings of the Americans for Constitutional Action, conservative oriented agency, and of the Americans for Democratic Action, liberal watchdogs, have been compared and calculated.

Those with the smaller numbers, placed at the left of the scale, are considered to have voted most liberal. Those with higher numbers, progressively to the right, are considered more conservative. The higher the number, the more conservative, obviously.

Current ratings are listed first. The 1968 ratings appear in parenthesis.

- 5 -- (42) -- PHILIP A. HART, Democratic Michigan senior senator who faces a re-election battle this year.
- 1 -- TED KENNEDY of Massachusetts, U.S. sena-

tor once considered for nomination for president by the Democratic Party.

5.5 -- (5) -- WILLIAM FORD, Democratic congressman for Michigan's 15th District, including Garden City, Westland and Canton Township.

6 -- EDMUND MUSKIE, Democratic senator from Maine and running mate to Humphrey.

19.5 -- WILLIAM BROOKE, Republican senator from Massachusetts.

29 -- J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, Democratic senator from Arkansas and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

32.5 -- (17) -- MARTHA GRIFFITHS, Democratic congresswoman from Northwest Detroit and formerly representing much of Overland.

41 -- (66) -- DONALD RIEGLE JR., Republican congressman from Flint who was seriously considered by many in the Michigan delegation to run against Hart for the Senate.

45.5 -- (66) -- MARVIN R. ESCH, Republican congressman from Michigan's 2nd District, which includes Plymouth.

64.5 -- (86.5) -- JACK McDONALD, Republican congressman from Michigan's 19th District, which includes Farmington, Livonia and Redford Township.

60.5 -- (61.5) -- ROBERT GRIFFIN, Republican junior senator from Michigan, and Senate minority whip.

76 -- (70) -- WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD, Republican congressman from Michigan's 18th District, which includes Southfield.

? -- (83.5) -- RICHARD NIXON, based on partial ratings for his record as Republican congressman (1947-50) and senator (1951-52) from California.

86 -- (74.5) -- GERALD FORD, Republican congressman from Michigan's 5th District and House Minority Leader.

97 -- STROM THURMOND, Republican Senator from South Carolina.

Each organization bases its ratings on such issues as foreign aid, welfare, taxes, civil rights, support of the Vietnam war and so on.

ACA gives conservatives high marks, while ADA gives liberals high marks. For statistical purposes, Observer Newspapers translated the ADA rating onto the ACA scale, arbitrarily showing liberals low and conservatives high.

How you judge the numbers depends, of course, on your own opinions.

## OCC Faculty Files 'Unfair' Charges

Unfair labor practices charges have been filed against Oakland Community College by the college Faculty Association, which is protesting administration tactics in negotiations.

We're trying to get them back to the negotiating table," said Faculty Association President John H. Messner, an instructor on Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington.

"It's probably a tactic more than a fact," said Dr. Gordon Godbold, Orchard Ridge Provost speaking for the administration. Dr. Godbold is not a member of the trustees' negotiating team, but was the only

administrator available at press time.

THE FACULTY association filed its charges with the state labor mediation board late last week citing four grievances.

- The administration has improperly asked for the entire collective bargaining demands.
- The administration has refused to set reasonable times for bargaining.
- The administration team has cancelled meetings.
- The administration has refused to give counter-proposals to legitimate demands submitted

## 19th Dems Send 2 To State Central

A Farmington attorney and Redford Township office worker have been elected as the two new members of the Democratic State Central Committee recently allocated to the organization's 19th District.

Gerald A. Freedman of Farmington and Mrs. Mildred Rowland of Redford were elected by 19th District precinct delegate meeting Thursday in Farmington's East Junior High.

The new positions went to the 19th as a result of reforms adopted at the party's special convention. One of the reforms bases State Central membership on the Democratic vote in the district.

Freedman and Mrs. Rowland

had been serving as alternate State Central members. They will join Otis Lawrence of Pontiac, Mrs. Marian Hampton of Waterford, Mrs. Carolyn Maggie and Ron Mardires of Livonia as the six members from the district.

Four additional alternates were also chosen to bring that number to six. The two present alternates—Mrs. Geraldine McNabb of Orchard Lake and Charles Gillette of Redford will serve as number one and two alternates.

The additional alternates elected Thursday will serve in the following order: Eugene Kuthy of West Bloomfield, Mrs. Barbara Johnson of Livonia, Mrs. Ann Lawrence of Pontiac, and William Ford of Redford.

## SC Faculty Picks Burly Negotiator

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

The chief negotiator for the faculty of Schoolcraft Community College this year looks as if he could wrestle a polar bear and win. He's very tall, hefty and walks with an aggressive forward thrust.

Oscar Poupart speaks directly, forcefully, but respectfully—at least to an outside interviewer.

To do his job for the 158 faculty members, he may use tactics more in keeping with his physical stature.

He's up against an equally burly administrator delegated as the trustees' bargaining team leader—College Vice President for Business Kenneth Lindner.

Brown facing brown over civilization's great equalizing device since David's slingshot—the bargaining table—may be just a coincidence.



OSCAR POUPART is the Faculty Forum's chief negotiator. (Observer photo by Dennis Pajot)

IT'S POUPART'S FIRST year on the faculty team although he's taught at the school for three years.

His field is computer science and data processing. He has taught in private vocational schools and held several middle management positions in industry prior to coming to Schoolcraft.

He was chosen for the job by the instructors' union, the faculty forum, although he has never held a major leadership post in that 115-member agency.

Poupart's contribution to the forum as a member of its constitutional revision committee may have launched him to the forefront. That committee recommended the forum become more militant.

Then, too, he has been a member of the college standing committee on public relations, the co-chairman of the data processing sub-committee of the college business advisory committee. Thus, he's likely to have a working knowledge of his so-called adversaries.

Completing the forum executive board are Larry Ordowski, English; Roger Sutherland, biology; and William Ryan, geology.

Five of the seven Faculty Forum officers are from the liberal arts school. Two are from the science department.

Yet—only two of the six members of the forum negotiating team are from liberal arts and only one of them is only ex-officio (non-voting).

Poupart's second on the team is the one member with liberal arts leanings. He is Larry Vanderzanden, a political science instructor.

Others are Norman Wheeler, math; Gary Hershron, counselor; Miss Lois Mattson, physical education; and Stuart Bloom, history, who is the forum president and the ex-officio member.

THE IRONY OF Poupart being on the front is that he is from a division of the college most likely to gain in stature in coming years, while the leadership of the forum is dominated by instructors whose fields are less likely to expand.

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