

Headlee predicts tax question will make ballot

By Jean Adamczak
Staff writer

The anti-tax group Voter's Choice is moving full-steam ahead in its drive to put the Voter's Choice Amendment on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Most recently, the group met in an Executive Board Meeting at the Southfield Civic Center where Richard Headlee addressed about 20 members of the coalition.

Headlee is one of five spokesmen for the group. He is president of the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills and was the 1982 Republican candidate for governor.

"I believe it will be on the ballot and

pass," said Headlee of the proposal. The proposal calls for limiting state tax revenue and requires the state Legislature and/or city councils to obtain voter approval of all state and local tax increases.

Governor Blanchard's posturing on tax cuts is a phony as the denial of his intentions to raise taxes in 1982," said Headlee.

Headlee went on to outline past actions which he said led to the need for Voter's Choice.

"Thirty-six million one was when income taxes in Michigan were raised almost a billion dollars under the deception that it was to deal with the debt and deficits. Instead, Governor Blanch-

ard raised spending 14 percent," Headlee said.

"Phony act number two is the mental health programs that are being shifted to county government's accounts so the state can cheat on its obligations to schools and local governments.

"Phony act number three is the governor's proposal to make a small tax cut Oct. 1, 30 days before the November election. Could it be that this is part of his strategy to attack Voter's Choice as unnecessary? We think so."

Headlee said Voter's Choice members believe citizens should have a right to vote on taxes and spending.

"We don't like what state government has done to shift spending from

education to a wide variety of other social spending boondoggles," he said.

"Voter's Choice will restore accountability to government and get government spending back where it belongs, in basic services and education," Headlee said.

THE COALITION has 307,500 valid signatures to date, according to Gwen Dempsey-Daigle, a member of the coalition and vice president of North American Real Estate in Waterford.

Daigle is hoping for at least another 27,000 signatures because of the chances that 20 percent will be invalid.

Like Headlee, Daigle is confident the proposal will appear on the November

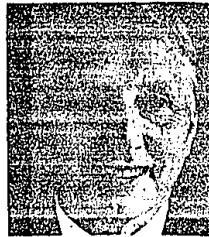
ballot.

"Absolutely, there is no question about it," Daigle said. "We're going to make sure we have more than enough signatures to rush a place on the ballot."

July 2 is the last day for petition circulators to deliver signatures at Mr. Christian's restaurant in Royal Oak.

Then it's on to Lansing Monday, July 9, when Voter's Choice members will deliver the petition at the steps of the Capitol at noon. At 1:30 p.m. they will officially file the petition at the Secretary of State's Office in Lansing.

"It's exciting," said Daigle. "We're doing a good job in getting petitions signed, we should be all set by July 9."



Richard Headlee

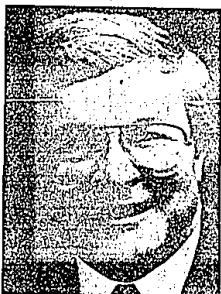
Prosecutor speaks at chamber luncheon

Oakland County Prosecutor Brooks Patterson will be the chamber of commerce luncheon speaker on Thursday at noon in the Bostford Inn.

To make reservations, call JoAnn Soronen at 474-3440.

Patterson, best known for his cam-

paigns for harsher prison sentences, reinstatement of capital punishment and anti-pornography, was first elected as county prosecutor in 1972. Prior to that he was a trial lawyer. In 1978, he led a successful campaign to change the parole system.



L. Brooks Patterson

Brotherton blasts Dems

Farmington's Republican state representative, Wilbur V. "Sandy" Brotherton, has launched a partisan attack on his Democratic House colleagues for what he calls giving a cold shoulder to legislation reforming the legislature's pension benefit package.

The bill would prevent lawmakers from collecting a full state pension if convicted of a felony involving abuse of office.

What spurred Brotherton's anger was when only one Democrat on the Retirement Committee showed up to consider sending the bill to the full house.

"This bill has been stalled in the

house retirement committee for two years now," said Brotherton. "It has had three public hearings, has been refined significantly and has strong public support. Yet the Democratic committee members don't want to budge."

Brotherton claims that it was a general understanding between committee members that they would meet last Wednesday afternoon to vote on the bill.

"But the only Democrat to show up was the chairman. One Republican with a prior commitment was unable to attend the meeting and left his vote with the committee clerk," he said.

"But without the Democrats, there

were not sufficient votes to send the bill to the house," he said.

The legislation would apply only to pension time earned after Jan. 1, 1985, and only to felonies related to office, such as soliciting or accepting a bribe.

The bill wouldn't penalize lawmakers involved in felonies unconnected with public office.

"The issue here is one of public trust," he said. "And the message is that abuse of that trust carries a high price. I'm sure the Democrats agree with that principle. But their actions to stall this bill tarnish the image of all of us who believe lawmakers must be held to a higher code of ethics," said Brotherton.

on the agenda

City of Farmington Hills
City Council Agenda
Regular Public Hearing
June 18 — 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearings:

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location 3.69 acres east of intersection of Grand River and Ten Mile at I-96 entrance. Proponent, John Turmala for Bill Cook.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location 35603 Middlebell Road, south of 11 Mile Road. Proponent, John Molnar.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location north side of Northwestern, west of Inkster Road. Proponent, David Greene for C. Gromney.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location 30203 and 32241 Overdale Court, between Inkster and Wellington. Proponent, Timothy Busch for Busch Management Group Ltd.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location 11.3 acres on west side of Orchard Lake Road, north of Park Hill Blvd. Proponent, Raymond J. McCoy.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location 28544 Orchard Lake Road, between Burbank and Barlow. Proponent, Herbert E. Ruckert.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location lots 117 and 155 of Regal Orchards Subdivision. Proponent, Dr. Fawzi B. Shaya.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location lot 20 Oakland Hills Orchard Subdivision. Proponent, David J. Wright.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location lot 18 of Oakland Hills Orchard Subdivision. Proponent, Farmington Hills Planning Commission.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning map amendment, location Malford Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Greening. Proponent, Robert Benita.

- Consideration of 20 ft. alley abutting lots 11 thru 15 of Sunnyvale Subdivision part of lot eight of Supervisor's Plat No. 10 in Section 36.

- Consideration of utility easements approximately 531 feet on Yorkshire Road in Kensington Gardens Subdivision in Section 35.

- Consideration of request of residents of West Franklin Estates Subdivision to change the name of Peardridge to Pear Ridge (two words), in Section 2.

- Consideration of request to change the name of Lyman Road in Old Homestead Subdivision to the following: East Lyman Road, West Lyman Road and West Lyman Court, in Section 17.

Unfinished Business:

- Consideration of enactment of ordinance No. C-13-84 to amend the liquor license approval provisions of Chapter 52 of city code.

New Business:

- Consideration of introduction of tax exemption ordinance for the Finnish Center Association's housing project for the elderly.

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