

Special Session Agenda Being Discussed-- Baker

FARMINGTON State Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) says the upcoming August session of the Legislature is the prime topic of discussion among legislators this week.

In a news release, Baker says meetings have been held at the Capitol during the recess to develop priorities for the meeting. Gov. Milliken has

also shown a strong interest in the times to be considered when the Legislature reconvenes after the summer.

LEADERS OF BOTH parties in the House and Senate have issued their recommendations for the priority items. Topping the list is the last un-

resolved budget bill for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

The grants and transfers bill (HJR 487) has been held up due to a conflict over a proposed

grant to Hamtramck, which will have to be resolved before the bill can pass. The House has turned this portion of the bill, and the first move in August will be an attempt to remove the amendment from the Senate version of the bill.

Proposed constitutional amendments, intended for inclusion on the November ballot, will be a very important area of consideration, Baker adds.

"As far as I'm concerned, the most important amendment proposal is the one to limit local property taxes for school operation, providing some true property tax relief and general tax equity. This is House Joint Resolution 'WWW' or 'triple W' as it is most often referred to. This proposal has passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate," Baker says.

Also very important is the proposed amendment (SJR 'JJ') to create an independent state investigations commission as a major anti-crime force in Michigan. This measure has passed the Senate and must be acted upon by the House. The Farmington Republican says there are indications that objections to the form of the proposal, which held up action earlier, may be resolved through revision.

Both legislative branches have passed proposed amendments to allow 18-year-olds to vote in Michigan. He comments there has apparently been a leadership agreement to act on the house version of the proposal (HJR 'AA').

STILL A FOURTH ballot possibility is a proposal for a graduated income tax (HJR 'EE'). Like the 18-year-old vote, this question has been defeated by Michigan voters in the past, but supporters want to place it before the voters again. This measure is awaiting Senate action after passage in the House.

There are several environment bills on the suggested priority list, covering pollution and the preservation of the Great Lakes shoreline and rivers. A bill seeking to end unrestricted access to dangerous explosives is another high-priority item. Also to be considered are statewide construction code, bills on drug abuse, more equitable tax assessments, teacher incentives and others.

The tentative plans call for a two-day session in August, with other meetings later in the year. The memo drafted after the leadership conference last week said the session would begin 10 a.m. on Aug. 6, and end the following night.

"With all of the unfinished business before us, it is quite possible that we won't achieve satisfactory results in a two-day period. My personal opinion is to spend as long as necessary to clear the important bills. If this can be accomplished in two days, fine. If not, I would favor extending the August session beyond the tentative two-day schedule," Baker comments.

Gov. Milliken has spent considerable time studying and deciding on proposals passed by the Legislature during the January-July portion of the session. Last week the governor took final action on a number of bills, Baker says.

Among the most important bills signed into law were the 1970-71 school aid bill, with its provisions for aid to both public and non-public schools; A State Supreme Court decision on the non-public aid section is now pending. Other budget bills for the fiscal year which began July 1 were also given final approval.

... ANOTHER NEW law (SB 99), which will take effect 90

days after final legislative adjournment, provides for licensing of persons who commercially apply such dangerous compounds as DDT, as a means of further controlling the misuse of economic poisons.

The representative notes the governor has signed the bill extending the suspension of mortgage rate limitations, which are still unrealistic in view of present economic circumstances. The suspension has been extended until the end of this year, when the Legislature will again study the situation and determine what action is necessary at that time.



KIDS' FAVORITES--Bozo the Clown and Hadoum wave to Farmington youngsters while riding in Saturday's Festival parade. The little gal in the center with the Canadian flag is a real Canadian, the niece of Festival special events co-chairman Hayden Cameron of Thompson-Brown Co. (Event photo)

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Two of 50 grants nationwide went to Oakland County. The other gives the Pontiac Police Dept. and Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. a legal advisor from the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

Southfield's share of the \$14,750 grant will be approximately \$800. Offices of the legal advisor will be at the Oak Park Dept. of Public Safety.

The job entails provision of legal assistance at the local level in case preparation, training, developing policy and procedure and assisting in police-community relations for a one-year term.

Football Registration Is Aug. 8, 15

FARMINGTON Registration for this fall's junior football program in the Farmington area will be Saturday, Aug. 8, and Saturday, Aug. 15, at Farmington and North Farmington high schools.

Boys 9-12 can register from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the two Saturdays. Boys living south of I-696 should register at Farmington High School and those living north of the expressway should register at North Farmington.

THREE TEAMS will be made up from those registering.

The ponies team will be for boys playing for the first year, with a weight limit of 60 to 85 pounds. The junior varsity team will be for 10 and 11-year-olds weighing from 65-95 pounds.

The varsity team will be for 11 and 12-year-olds weighing from 75 to 125 pounds.

The area program is part of the Jack Lowther Junior Football Program. The boys will play against teams from Dearborn, Southfield, East Detroit and Redford Township.

All equipment is provided by the Jack Lowther Football Association and the registration fee is \$10 per family.

LOCAL BOYS will also have the opportunity during the eight-game schedule to play at Tiger Stadium before a Lion's game and at the University of Detroit Stadium during the half-time of a game.

For those who may be on vacation during the registration time, late registration will be held at the Farmington football field and at the North Farmington football field the week of Aug. 31 and also the week of Sept. 7.



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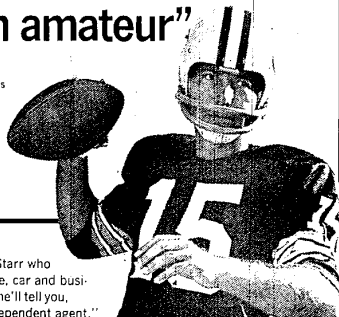
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