"The opposition to a constitutional convention is bipartisan, too," said Elaine Donnelly, spokeswoman for the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan, in a Lansing news conference last week. Donnelly of Livonia Joined U.S. Sen. Nancy Kaschaum, R. Kanasa, in contradicting two other Republican senators who favor calling America's second constitutional covernition to write balanced-budget language into the nation's basic law. A week earlier, Republican Sens. Robert Dole of Kanasa and Dennis DeCoocini of Arizona saked the state Legislature to make Michigan the Sard state to petition Congress for a "con-con." Such a convention would have to be called if 34 states petitioned for it.

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Far from using the con-con resolution as a ploy to push Congress into writing its own balanced-budget amendment, she said backers of the legislative resolution are serious about revising the Constitution.

Donnelly quoted James Dale Davidson, chairman of the National Tarpayers Union, as saying he "prefers" calling a convention. At other times, however, literature supporting the balanced-budget/

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"In other words, Mr. Davidson seems perfectly willing to let people believe what they want to believe with regard to a con-con—a classic example of political bait and switch."

WHILE SUPPORTERS of balanced-budget/con-

con have cited polls, Donnelly called the poll results misleading because:

"Virtually all of the public opinion polls on this issue by the proponents have censored out the fact that a con-con call is at the heart of the Balanced Budget resolution, known in this state as Senate Joint Resolution A."

The Livonia precinct delegate, an alternate to list year's GOP National Convention, operates her own media consulting business and hough known for supporting such conservative causes as opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, Donnelly Institut con-con isn't a true conservative stead to oppose tampering with the U.S. Constitution.

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EASSEBAUM, Kansas' junior senator, is at odds with her senior senator and Senate majority leader, Dole, on con-con. She urged Michigan lawmakers to reject SUR A, which has passed the Senate but been rejected in the House.

Dole, in a Lansing news conference a week earlier, called the con-con fears "a specious red herring." At his news conference, he was greeted by a number of Republican women wearing homemade badges resembling a Campbell's Soup can with the slogan "Can Con-Con."

Last year, then state-Rep. Ruth McNamee, R-Birmingham, atailed the issue when her key vote keyt the resolution from being reported out of a House committee.









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