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GOP duo works toward accountability in Lansing

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Two Republican representatives say the state is wasting money because the Legislature won't adopt a better way to do its job.

"With the defeat of Proposals A and B, taxpayers clearly said, 'Hey, Lansing, do a better job of managing the money we sent you,'" said state Rep. Judith Miller of Birmingham.

She and Rep. Frank Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge are selling a GOP task force reform plan. They say it will do a more thorough job of spelling out policy, tying money to programs, and reviewing the results periodically to see if the programs really work.

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MILLER AND Fitzgerald point to the Michigan Opportunity Card, resource recovery program and a senior citizens drug program as examples of how the Legislature's policy committees and appropriations committees failed to get their acts together.

"The full Legislature never had the opportunity to approve or disapprove of the concept," said Miller. It only voted on the appropriation. There was no clear statement of legislative intent.

"We have 70-plus job training programs," added Fitzgerald. "Now we have a program (opportunity card)

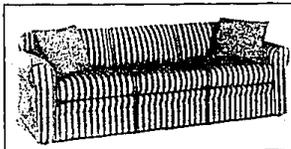
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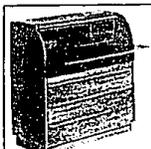
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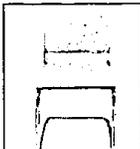
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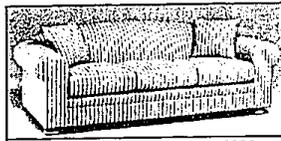
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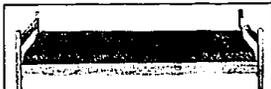
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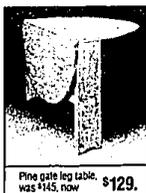
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