Cruce, Honigman win strategic Senate posts

Two Oakland County lawmakers are emerging as major players in a set on up state Senaic leadership. The set of the senan living, "quipped Dwg Cruce Kanan living," quipped the set of the senant senait from Troy. He was elevated senaitor from Troy. He was elevated by batrict, which includes Birmingham. Cruce will chair the committee handling reapportionment, the Com-merce Committee and the Republi-can caucus. The shakeup was caused when eight of the Senaite's 20 Republicans elevated to the Senaite's 20 Republicans okland Circui judge and Richard Fessier to practice law.

CRUCE'S BIG job for the next two years will be chairing the Local Gov-ernment and Reaportionment Com-mittee. It will handle redistricting of both chambers of the Legislature and Congress, Michigan is expected to lose two of its 18 Congressional seats. HURD is the window to buy WOOD, ALUMINUM CLAD with Exclusive Heat Mirror® Christmas Hard Candy Sale \$6.95 For 2 lbs. In Our Red Tin EXTRA \$100.00 OFF On Sale on presentation of this ad on purchase of six or more windows. FREE DELIVERY in tri-county area. One Coupon per customer. Order must be placed by Nov. 29, 1990. Friday, November 23 Sunday, December 2 Triple Weatherstripping. Heat Mirror insulates twice a well as ordinary double pane Solid wood Interior for painting or staining emodeling? Reptacement Sizes avaitable Also, we carry a ULL LINE OF DOORS AND SKYLIGHTS (313) 398-4560 26430 COOLIDGE HWY 8-5 30 M DAX PARK MI 48237 8-3 SAT HERALD North of .1.5

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In another major development, Senator-elect David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, landed two chair-manships - the reshaped Labor Committee and Economics and Ur-hon Development Committee. Honigman's district includes Bloom-field Township, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield.

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"My interest is to make sure we have a balanced set of districts." Cruce said, dodging a question about his own interest in a congressional seat. "In the last four presidential election, it's been demonstrated the people lean Republican. It's solely a matter of gerrymandering that Democrats control the state House." His panel will handle the expected shuffle of one of Detroit's five Sen-ate scats to Oakland and/or Macomb counties. Cruce succeeded the retiring Har-mon Cropsey of Decatur. When Dick Posthumus moved up to Senate majority leader, Cruce

picked up his key post of chairing the Commerce Committee, which han-dles insurance and banking issues. Gov-ciect Engler made a major is-sue of capping liability awards as a method of controlling health insur-ance costs. Finally, Cruce landed the invisible but highly potent job of chairing the GOP cature, which meets behind closed doors but calls the shots on majority party tacics. Republicans have 20.18 control of the Senate but often can count on the support of maverick Democrat Gil Diffelio for an effective 21-17 edge. Cruce succeds the defasted Norm Shinkle of Monroe County. Cruce gave up his slot on the Ap

Cruce gave up his slot on the Ap-propriations Committee for his new

HONIGMAN, a 34-year-old law-yer who served three terms in the House, has the rare chance to head two major committees his lirst day in the Senate. Honigman will head the reconsti-tuted Labor Committee, formerly called the Human Resources and Senior Clitzens Committee. He also will head the Economic and Urban Development Committee, a new panel combining the functions of other panels.



Sen. Doug Cruce

And he becomes vice chairman of the Education Committee, which handles policy matters but not ap-propriations. Honigman succeeded Fessler, who left the Legislature after 16 years.

Senate Democrats have not an-ounced their committee assign-

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Senate has been the only Republican Senate has been the only Republican stronghold in state government. Engler used it as his springboard to the governorship. He left several members grumbling at the way beey believed they had to sacrifice their legislative interests for his partisan-ship and ambitions. Posthumus, the new majority teader, was Engler's right arm but has promised adifferent style of leadership.





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