

Clean air

Senate passes bill to House

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A deeply divided state Senate passed its version of a clean air program and sent it to the House of Representatives.

Michigan faces a Nov. 15 deadline in setting up a program of reducing air emissions 30 percent below 1990 levels.

Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, warned that two of the seven bills are deficient if the state is to avoid sanctions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"If there is a malfunction (at an incinerator) and thousands of tons of pollutants are put into the air," Pollack said, "there is absolutely no consequence and, therefore, no incentive to the party that has produced the pollution. That, unfortunately, tips the Clean Air Act on its head and is really an invitation to pollute."

Sens. William Faust, D-Westland, and Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, joined Pollack in protesting that measure.

Otherwise, area senators supported nearly everything in the seven-bill package. Three of the bills are in the House Conservation Committee.

Most of the opposition came from western senators because Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon

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counties will be included in the vehicle emissions testing program.

"These three counties are the victims of the transport of emissions from Chicago, Gary and Milwaukee," said Sen. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison.

The new program adds the three western counties, along with Washtenaw, Livingston, St. Clair and Monroe to the list where vehicles must be inspected annually and repaired. Currently, the testing program applies to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The new program also will require vapor recovery systems at gasoline pumps.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce lobbied senators hard for passage of a state program, needed because EPA considers the 10 counties a "non-attainment" area under the 1990 federal Clean Air Act.

Failure to act, said chamber lobbyist Rich Studley, "could quickly close the door on companies looking to build new plants or expand existing facilities in southeast Michigan."

"In addition, if Michigan fails to submit a state implementation plan by Nov. 15, the U.S. EPA could withhold \$300 million in federal highway funds from the state."

To lawmakers who want to challenge EPA's authority, Studley said, "It would be very risky to force the federal EPA, well-known for its strict regulatory policies, into a corner on this important issue — especially since significant headway is being made to redesignate southeast Michigan as an attainment area."

Michigan's clean air program is embodied in seven bills, three of which must still pass the House. Refer to SB 46, 726 and 804 when writing to your state representative.



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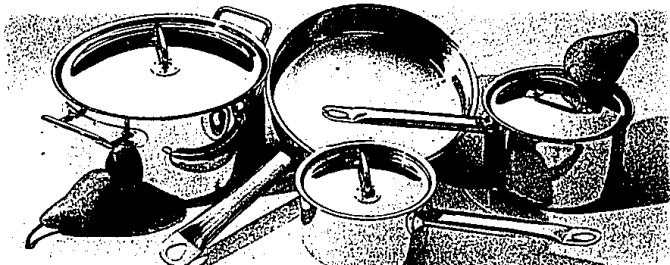
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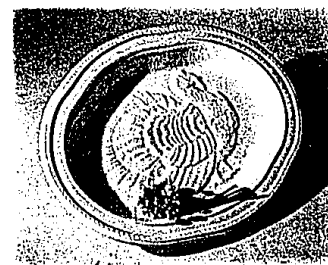
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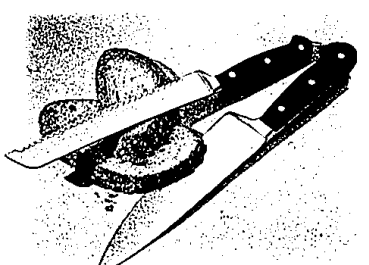
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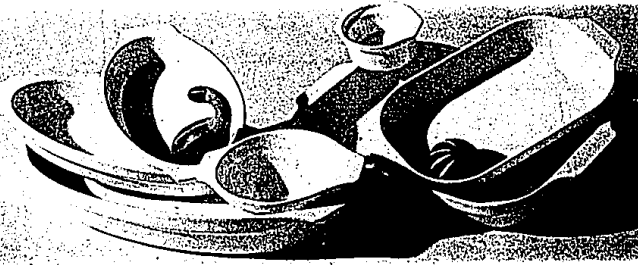
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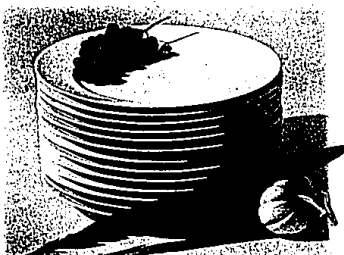
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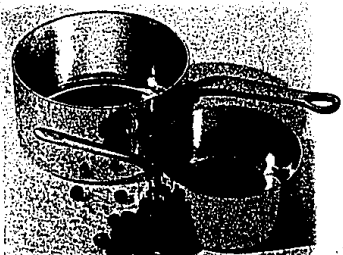
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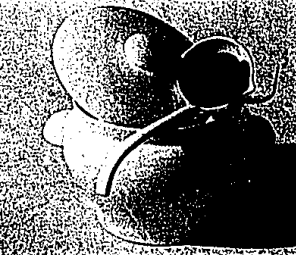
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