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NAFTA vote: 'principle over politics'

A confident Congressman Joe Knollenberg — knowing the afternoon before the House vote that Republicans had joined forces with President Bill Clinton to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement — called the measure "far and away the most significant, the most historic in this session and maybe for some time to come."

"High drama" surrounded the Capitol, Knollenberg said. Indeed, area congressmen considered NAFTA either a great boon to business or a boondoggle to U.S. workers.

The Bloomfield Hills Republican, whose district includes Birmingham, West Bloomfield and parts of Southfield, Redford Township and Livonia, said he had spent more time and energy

from the Great Lakes could be alighted off to Mexico, and found them to be groundless. "The water thing is pure fiction," he said. "It's not a good as construed by the agreement."

Under NAFTA, he added, U.S. firms would have protection while operating in Mexico; at present, they do not.

Dale Kildee, D-Flint, also talked about principles the afternoon of the vote. As Democrats scrambled to pin down votes, Kildee, whose district includes Rochester, noted that Clinton wasn't the first president to promise things in return for votes. "But I'd rather see it win on its own merits," he said.

Kildee said he has backed other free trade measures, but objected

to this one as trying to do "too much, too fast."

"Lowering tariffs should come step-by-step with mid-course corrections," he continued. Kildee criticized NAFTA as lacking an agenda to "improve certain standards."

The two big issues for Kildee are investment and purchasing power. Low wages in Mexico mean workers there won't be able to buy our goods; therefore, there will be a loss of jobs in the U.S., coupled with a downward spiral on wages.

Had the measure lost, Kildee said it would have been "an embarrassment, but only an embarrassment and Clinton could go back and negotiate a better agreement."

County wants to standardize ballot counting

BY PAT MURPHY
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Oakland County voters may soon use Optech — a high tech system that scans and counts votes almost as rapidly as they are cast.

The county board of commissioners Thursday passed a resolution encouraging Oakland's 63 individual communities to switch from punch cards or voting machines to Optech, an optical scan system marketed by the Business Records Corp.

By switching to Optech, voters and the county will be able to save money and speed up the voting process, according to deputy county clerk William G. Caddell, one of Optech's most vocal proponents.

"It's the next generation of approved voting systems," Caddell explained. "It offers numerous advantages."

Some communities — including West Bloomfield and Pontiac — already use Optech and speak highly of the system.

"We've used it for five elections," said Mae Galbraith, deputy clerk in West Bloomfield. "And the machines have worked beautifully."

"The results are in earlier, and when you get the results you know they're correct," she said.

Another township clerk, however, is less optimistic, at least about Optech.

Wilma S. Cotton of Bloomfield Township said her community will likely switch from voting machines to optic scan voting. But

Bloomfield will use a different company.


"I don't have anything against Optech," said Cotton. "But I think Accu-Vote is a superior system."

Besides encouraging communities to change to optic scan voting, the resolution adopted Thursday offers to finance the switch, providing townships and cities opt for Optech. The county offered to buy Optech from delinquent tax funds, said Caddell, and recoup the money from the respective communities.



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