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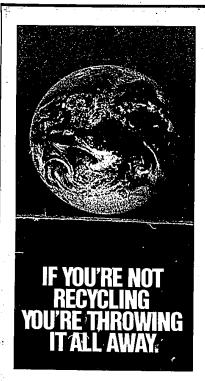
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# A confident Congressman Joe Knollenberg — knowing the afternoon before the House vota that Ropublicans had Joined forces with President Bill Clinton to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement — called the measure "far and away the most significant, the most historic in this session and maybe for some time to come." "High drams" surrounded the Capitol, Knollenberg said. Indeed, area congressmen considered NAFTA either a great boon to business or a bondoggle to U.S. workers.

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The Bloomfield Hills Republi-can, whose district includes Bir-mingham, West Bloomfield and parts of Southfield, Redford Township and Livonia, said he had spent more time and energy

A confident Congressman Joe

on this issue than any other, having "early on" taken a leadership role in getting it passed.
"The issue was principle over politics," Knollenberg said.
That work, he said, had made him the target of people opposed to the legislation, which would open barriers to free trade between the U.S. and its neighbors, Canada and Mexico. Most of the opposition to the agreement in his district eams from "a vocal group hat was in the minority," Knollenberg said. That opposition quicted with "ountless speeches and a fact sheet.

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A newslatter with a question on NAFTA brought back 9,000 responses, more than 60 percent of them in favor of the pact.

Knollenberg said he had investigated charges, such as water

from the Great Lakes could be si-phoned off to Mexico, and found them to be groundless. "The wa-ter 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.

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Dalo 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.

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

NAFTA vote: 'principle over politics'

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

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 sald it would have been "an em-barrassment, but only an embar-rassment and Clinton could go back and negotiate a better agree-ment"

### County wants to standardize ballot counting

BY PAT MURPHY STAPP WRITER

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 Optec, voters and the county will be able to save money and speed up the vot-ing process, according to deputy county clerk William G. Caddell, one of Optech's most vocal propo-nents.

"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 elec-tions," said Mae Galbraith, depu-ty 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 ma-chines to optic scan voting. But

Bloomifield will use a different

company.

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

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Besides encouraging communi-ties to change to optic scan vet-ing, the resolution adopted Thursday offers to finance the switch, providing townships and cities opt for Optech. The count offered to buy Optech from delin-quent tax funds, said Caddell, and recoup the money from the respective communities.



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