

Congress Needs Info On Science, Says Esch

Speaking at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Philadelphia, U.S. Rep. Marvin L. Esch (R-Ann Arbor) said Congress needs to be better informed "as to the potential benefits and impacts of this nation's scientific research."

"Better information will not only insure that those programs which are necessary or desirable to provide for the common good receive the support they deserve, but it will also minimize the wasteful funding of programs which are limited in their public benefits," declared Esch, whose 2nd District includes Plymouth.

Esch was a participant in a day-long symposium on science and the federal government bringing together leading spokesmen in the field of national science policy.

"THE NEEDS OF the executive branch of our government for ample scientific counsel are met in the form of the special assistant to the president for science and technology, the Office of Science and Technology, the president's Scientific Advisory Council, and the Federal Council for Science and Technology among others."



LOUISE GROESBECK, secretary of the Macomb College Board of Trustees, presents Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) with a resolution commending him for his service in higher education and especially to Michigan's community colleges.

College Lauds Sen. Pursell

State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) was recently honored by the Macomb County Community College Board of Trustees for his service to higher education and in particular to the state's community colleges.

The college's board passed a resolution honoring Pursell and citing his efforts in defeating a legislative proposal that would have reduced state appropriations to community colleges with enrollments in excess of 4,000 students.

Pursell was presented a framed copy of the resolution.

The proposed reductions would have affected programs at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Oakland Community College including the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington as well as Macomb College, which is the largest community college in Michigan.

Though Pursell's 14th District doesn't include any portion of Macomb County, the resolution states that "Sen. Pursell stands straight and tall as a friend and advocate of the services community colleges provide in the field of higher education."

Schoolcraft and OCC are in Pursell's district.

Ski, Snowmobile Season Swinging

January '72 is riding in Michigan on skis and snowmobiles, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

The Traverse City Winter Carnival, highlighted by the TC-250 snowmobile race, is scheduled for Jan. 21 through 23. A 250-mile race open to the fastest qualifying snowmobiles, it has a \$15,000 purse, with \$5,000 going to the first place winner.

Ice fishing contests, hockey and ski events, plus many other activities are scheduled.

FOR THOSE interested in America's past and the men who helped to carve her from the wilderness, an inspiring new exhibit will open Jan. 24 at the Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

The exhibit will feature objects from the personal lives of famous Americans from all walks of life. It will include manuscripts, vehicles, furniture, paintings and other memorabilia. Outstanding figures from the past as well as most of our country's presidents will be represented.

Kalkaska will be the location for some great fun and spirited competition on Jan. 29 and 30 at the Midwest international dog sled races. First, second and third place cups and prizes will go to the top sledgers in A.B.C. Junior and children's classes.

If you're planning ahead for warmer weather fun and activity, there's the Michigan national boat, sports and vacation show at Cobo Hall Civic Center Jan. 29 through Feb. 6.

"This pattern has reoccurred too many times over the years affecting the ability of Congress to exercise an effective leadership role in terms of anticipating the problems and opportunities raised by scientific and technological developments."

"WHAT IS REQUIRED is a staff organization whose sole purpose is to provide the legislative branch with competent, unbiased information concerning the physical, economic, social, and political effects of the applications of specific technological issues," declared Esch.

Esch earlier this year sponsored a bill in the House of Representatives to establish an "office of technology assessment" in the legislative branch. The basic responsibilities and duties of this office would be to provide an early warning of the probable impacts, positive and negative, of the applications of technology and to develop the coordinate information which may assist the Congress in determining the relative priorities of programs before it.

In carrying out these informational functions the office would (1) identify existing or probable impacts of technology; (2) where possible, establish cause and effect relationships; (3) determine alternative technological methods of implementing specific programs; (4) determine alternative programs for achieving requisite goals; (5) make estimates and comparisons of the impacts of alternative methods and programs; (6) present findings of completed analyses to appropriate legislative authorities; (7) identify areas where additional research or data collection is required; and (8) undertake such additional associated tasks as the appropriate authorities may direct.

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