

Stempien backers urge try for 2nd

Former State Rep. Marvin R. Stempien (D - Liv.) says he's heard the rumors, too, that he intends to seek his party's nomination in the 2nd Congressional District.

But he claims it's "too early" to decide whether to make the race.

"It's the time to sit back and watch the situation," Stempien said. "I keep telling people who call urging me to run: 'Who knows what will happen between now and the primary?'"

"Very frankly, a lot of people here and there are thinking that because I was the party's nominee last time and that this will be a better year for Democrats, I should be the candidate."

He's flattered, also, Stempien said, that calls are coming from Washtenaw and Monroe counties and "not just the Livonia area."

The seat now is held by Republican Marvin Esch of Ann Arbor who defeated Stempien by 23,559 votes in the last congressional contest.

Two Democrats already are announced candidates for the nomination: Ronald Egnor, Ypsilanti city attorney, and John S. Reuther, nephew of the late United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther.

Stempien served as state representative from 1965 - 66 and 1969 - 72, during which he served for two years as majority floor leader and another two as assistant majority floor leader.

He currently is chairman of the Wayne 2nd District Democratic Organization.

After leaving the legislature he served for a time on a contract basis drafting horse, dog and pari-mutuel betting bills.

He now engages in private law practice and serves as judicial assistant for Detroit Common Pleas Court.

Stempien confessed he got a snicker out of Esch's recent statement that he would vote to impeach President Richard Nixon for contempt of Congress if the president disobeyed a House Judiciary Committee subpoena to supply requested materials.

"I remember being on the same platform with Esch during the last campaign when he said repeatedly: 'I support Richard Nixon and I want my opponent to say who he supports,'" Stempien said.

"It was interesting to see a congressman so totally committed to Richard Nixon since 1972 now trying to disassociate himself. Frankly, I think he was just being opportunistic."

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Safety forum starts April 1

LIVONIA — Industrial safety personnel and firemen from throughout Michigan are being invited to an "Instructors Institute" the week of April 1 at Madonna College.

The institute is designed to prepare fire service personnel as instructors for technical safety courses, to assist them in development of course outlines, lesson plans, instructional aids, and evaluative techniques. Each person will have a chance to teach under supervision in classroom situations.

Applications will be accepted with representation of one or two persons from each fire department or industry on a first-come, first-accepted basis.

Persons may register before March 21 at Madonna, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Late applications will be considered for the roster of alternatives. Registration fee is \$10, with the college offering a tuition waiver worth \$70.

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Esch named to OTA board

Congressman Marvin L. Esch (R - Ann Arbor) has been named by House Speaker Carl Albert to the 13 member Technology Assessment Board, an office set up by Congress to gauge the impact of technological applications.

The bipartisan governing board has responsibility for administering the Congressional Office of Technological Assessment which was established in 1972 under legislation of which Esch was a sponsor.

"A small but highly competent staff experienced in the management of technology research and development, the law and the legislative process is being hired to develop dependable and accurate data for congressional committees," Esch said.

"The OTA will play an increasingly important role in coming years by providing information and technical advice to Congress so the consequences of technological applications can be anticipated, understood and evaluated in determining public policy on national problems," said Esch.

The OTA board is chaired by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, (D - Mass.)

Esch, a member of the education and labor committee and the science and astronautics committee, was named to a vacancy on the board caused by the resignation from Congress of James Harvey a Michigan republican.

Other members of the OTA board are: Senators Hubert H. Humphrey, D - Minn.; Ernest Hollings, D - S.C.; Ted Stevens, R - Alaska; Clifford Case, R - N.J.; Richard Schweiker, R - Pa.; and Congressmen Olin Teague, D - Texas; John Davis, D - Ga.; Morris Udall, D - Ariz.; and Charles Gubser, R - Calif.; Charles A. Mosher, R - Ohio, vice chairman; and former Congressman Emilio Q. Daddario of Conn. serves as executive director.

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