



....Right to Life of Michigan (RTL) has begun an initiative petition drive to force the legislature to ban Medicaid funding for abortions. The procedure is complex and relies partially on uncontested opinions of the attorney general. An initiative requires that 191,000 signatures be collected within 180 days. The initiative petition would then be presented to the legislature, which would have 40 session days to approve without amendment, reject, or take no action on the petition. Approval by a simple majority of both houses would make the proposal law, not subject to veto by the governor. If the legislature rejects or takes no action on the petition, it would be placed on the ballot at the next general election (November 1988). The legislature could also pass a different proposal; in this case, both proposals would be placed on the ballot in 1988 and the one receiving the greatest number of votes would become law.

....No initiative petition has ever been sent to the legislature and adopted without change. The attorney general's office issued several earlier opinions indicating that there is no provision in the state constitution for an automatic referendum on initiative proposals passed intact by the legislature. Thus, if the RTL initiative were passed by the legislature, any group wishing to subject that proposal to a vote of the people (referendum) would need to gather the required signatures to place the proposal on the ballot.

....A recent U.S. Census Bureau report indicates that Michigan state government spent an average of \$1,720.28 per person in its 1985 fiscal year, making Michigan 20th in the nation in overall per capita spending. Broken down, state expenditures included \$460.50 per person for education, \$427.50 per person for welfare, and \$122.62 per person for highways. Michigan ranked third nationally in per capita spending on welfare, 38th in education expenditures, and 42nd in highway funding.

....Senator Jack Welborn, chair of the joint bipartisan committee to study publicly funded abortions, has hired former state senator Alan Cropsey and former television newsman Tom Greene as consultants to the committee. Ironically, Senator Welborn favors the Right to Life initiative petition drive over action by the special committee as a means to resolve the debate over publicly fund abortions. Welborn has said that, if necessary, he will support continuing Medicaid funding for abortions beyond the committee's March 15 deadline and through the petition gathering process.

....Senator Gilbert DiNello, a Democrat, was appointed chair of the new Regulatory Affairs Committee in the Republican-controlled Senate. Despite disfavor expressed by other Senate Democrats due to his acceptance of the position, DiNello will remain a member of the Senate Democratic caucus, at least for now. Other new Senate committees include the Committee on Health Policy, chaired by Senator Sederburg; and a new appropriations Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, chaired by Senator Gast, which will deal with supplementals, transfers, and oversight. Senator Gast was reappointed as chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the committee will be co-chaired by senators Geake and DeGrow.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1987-88 Committee Assignments

		Committee <u>Phone</u>
Agriculture and Forestry	(D) Hickner (C), Alley, Bartnik, Browne, Dodak, Hart, Niederstadt, Sofio, Stabenow	373-0158
	(R) Connors, Gnodtke, Munsell, Ouwinga, Randall, Walberg	
Appropriations	(D) Jacobetti (C), R. Young (V-C), Dutko, Emerson, Gagliardi, Harrison, Hollister, Hood, Kilpatrick, Mathieu, Maynard, O'Neill, L. Owen, Sitz, Spaniola, Webb, J. Young, Sr.	373-0498
	(R) Allen, Bender, Gilmer, Hayes, Johnson, Knight, Muxlow, Ostling, Oxender	
Civil Rights	(D) Terrell (C), Clack, Watkins	373-0144
	(R) Bandstra, Martin	
Colleges and Universities	(D) Leland (C), Jondahl, Keith, Sofio, J. Young, Jr.	373-6990
	(R) Bankes, Emmons, Miller	
Conservation and Environment	(D) Scott (C), Alley, Bartnik, Brown, Browne, DeBeaussaert, Hart, Kosteva, Niederstadt, Palamara, Sofio, Varga, Watkins	373-3906
	(R) Bandstra, Gnodtke, Hoekman, Middaugh, Pridnia, Sikkema, Sparks Stacey, Trim	
The Constitution, Interstate, and Federal Relations	(D) DeBeaussaert (C), Barns, Brown, Gire, Jondahl	373-0820
	(R) Krause, O'Connor, Walberg	
Consumers	(D) Ciaramitaro (C), Barns, Berman, Clack, Jondahl, Leland	373-0854
	(R) W. Bullard, Nye, Power, Walberg	

Corporations and Finance	(D) Bennett (C), Alley, Clack, Dobronski, Griffin, Hart, Keith, Murphy, Niederstadt, Porreca, Sofio, Stopczynski, Weeks	373-1773
	(R) Bankes, Dunaskiss, Giese, Krause, Middaugh, Pridnia, Randall, Stacey, Wartner	
Corrections	(D) Clack (C), Barns, Gubow, Terrell	373-7557
	(R) Hoffman, Martin, Van Regenmorter	
Economic Development and Energy	(D) Smith (C), Berman, DeBeaussaert, Farhat, Gire, Hart, Hickner, Jonker, Keith, Palamara, Porreca, Stabenow, Terrell	373-0106
	(R) Brotherton, Connors, DeLange, Fitzgerald, Giese, Honigman, Munsell, Sikkema, Van Regenmorter	
Education	(D) Keith (C), Barns, Browne, DeBeaussaert, DeMars, Dobronski, Docherty, Farhat, Jonker, Kosteva, Saunders, Sofio, Stallworth	373-0849
	(R) Bankes, Bryant, Martin, Middaugh, Munsell, Randall, Stacey, Trim, Walberg	
Elections	(D) Berman (C), Ciaramitaro, Jonker, Leland, Scott, Smith, J. Young, Jr.	373-1788
	(R) W. Bullard, Emmons, Honigman, Sparks, Strand	
House Oversight	(D) Dodak (C), Bennane, Berman, Hunter, Jonker, Stabenow, Stallworth, J. Young, Jr.	373-0837
	(R) Dunaskiss, Sikkema, Sparks, Van Regenmorter, Van Singel	
Insurance	(D) Brown (C), Alley, Bartnik, Bennett, Clack, Dobronski, Hart, Palamara, Porreca, Rocca, Saunders, Varga, Weeks	373-1785
	(R) Fitzgerald, Giese, Hoekman, Law, Middaugh, Sikkema, Strand, Van Singel, Wartner	

Judiciary	(D) P. Bullard (C), Bennane, Ciaramitaro, Farhat, Gire, Gubow, Hertel, Jondahl, Murphy, Palamara, Smith, Stabenow, Varga	373-2577
	(R) Bandstra, Fitzgerald, Honigman, Law, Martin, Nye, Power, Strand, Van Regenmorter	
Labor	(D) Watkins (C), Bennane, P. Bullard, Ciaramitaro, Leland, Murphy, Saunders, Terrell	373-1778
	(R) DeLange, Honigman, Nye, O'Connor, Sparks	
Liquor Control	(D) Stopczynski (C), DeMars, Farhat, Hunter, Niederstadt, Rocca, Weeks	373-2277
	(R) Dunaskiss, Gnodtke, Middaugh, Pridnia, Wartner	
Marine Affairs and Port Development	(D) Porreca (C), Bartnik, Rocca, Saunders	373-04845
	(R) Connors, Hoekman	
Mental Health	(D) Stabenow (C), Farhat, Gubow, Stallworth	373-1770
	(R) DeLange, Strand, Wartner	
Military and Veteran's Affairs	(D) DeMars (C), Bartnik, Scott	373-0855
	(R) Martin, Nye	
Public Health	(D) Bennane (C), Barns, Docherty, Gire, Gubow, Hertel, Hickner, Hunter, Palamara, Porreca, Rocca, Stabenow, Stallworth	373-1705
	(R) Bandstra, Brotherton, Dunaskiss, Gnodtke, Krause, Law, O'Connor, Pridnia, Trim	
Public Utilities	(D) Stallworth (C), DeMars, Dobronski, Gubow, Stopczynski	373-2276
	(R) W. Bullard, Hoffman, Krause	
Senior Citizens and Retirement	(D) Barns (C), Bartnik, Dobronski, Docherty, Gire, Varga	373-2576
	(R) Bankes, Emmons, Fitzgerald, Honigman	

Social Services and Youth/	(D) Hunter (C), Brown, P. Bullard	373-0587
	(R) Munsell, Power	
State Affairs	(D) J. Young, Jr. (C), Browne, Hertel, Rocca, Scott, Varga, Weeks	373-1008
	(R) Hoffman, Law, Miller, O'Connor	
Taxation	(D) Jondahl (C), Bennane, Berman, Brown, Browne, P. Bullard, Hickner, Hunter, Kosteva, Murphy, Scott, Smith, Weeks	373-1786
	(R) Bandstra, Bryant, W. Bullard, Emmons, Giese, Power, Stacey, Trim, Van Singel	
Tourism and Recreation	(D) Bartnik (C), Alley, Bennett, Griffin, Hertel, Sofio, J. Young, Jr.	373-0828
	(R) Brotherton, Ouwinga, Pridnia, Sparks, Stacey	
Towns and Counties	(D) Weeks (C), Docherty, Kosteva, Niederstadt, Watkins	373-2275
	(R) Gnodtke, Miller, Ouwinga	
Transportation	(D) Hertel (C), Bartnik, DeBeaussaert, Docherty, Jonker, Kosteva, Porreca, Saunders, Stopczyznski	373-1983
	(R) Connors, Dunaskiss, Giese, Hoekman, Hoffman, Ouwinga	
Urban Affairs	(D) Saunders (C), Bennane, DeMars, Hertel, Leland, Murphy	373-1782
	(R) Bankes, Brotherton, Bryant, DeLange	
Administrative Rules	(D) Griffin (C), Alley, Murphy, Rocca	373-1795
	(R) Miller, Randall	
Legislative Council	(D) Dodak (C), Griffin, Hunter, Kosteva	373-0837
	(R) Randall*	
Legislative Retirement	(D) Bennett (C), Barns, C. Owen**	373-1773

* Minority Leader Hillegonds has not yet appointed a second Republican to the council.

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SENATE
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

		<u>Committee Phone</u>
Agriculture and Forestry	(R) Smith (C), Dillingham (V-C), Cropsey	373-2426
	(D) Barcia (V-C), Irwin	
Appropriations	(R) Gast (C), DeGrow (V-C), Geake (V-C), Sederburg, Binsfeld, Cruce, Smith, Arthurhultz	373-6960
	(D) Holmes (V-C), Mack, Faxon, Vaughn, Conroy	
Commerce & Technology	(R) Posthumus (C), Schwarz (V-C), Shinkle	373-0797
	(D) Faust (V-C), O'Brien	
Criminal Justice, Urban Affairs & Economic Development	(R) Welborn (C), Nichols (V-C), Carl	373-0793
	(D) Dingell (V-C), Pollack	
Education & Mental Health	(R) Schwarz (C), Cropsey (V-C), Ehlers	373-0793
	(D) J. Hart (V-C), Dingell	
Energy	(R) Carl (C), Posthumus (V-C), Ehlers	373-7670
	(D) G. Hart (V-C), Faust	
Finance	(R) Shinkle (C), Carl (V-C), Posthumus	373-3543
	(D) Pollack (V-C), Dingell	
Government Operations	(R) Engler (C), Shinkle (V-C), Cruce, Arthurhultz	373-3760
	(D) Miller (V-C), Irwin, Kelly	
Health Policy	(R) Sederburg (C), Ehlers (V-C), Schwarz	373-1734
	(D) J. Hart (V-C), Kelly	
Human Resources & Senior Citizens	(R) Dillingham (C), Geake (V-C), Cropsey, Sr.	373-2420
	(D) DiNello (V-C), Cherry	
Judiciary	(R) Nichols (C), Fessler (V-C), DeGrow	373-2417
	(D) Kelly (V-C), J. Hart	

General Government	(R) Sederburg (C), Binsfeld	373-1734
	(D) Holmes	
Higher Education	(R) Sederburg (C), Geake	373-1734
	(D) Vaughn	
School Aid (K-12) & Department of Education	(R) DeGrow (C), Sederburg	373-7708
	(D) Faxon	
Mental Health	(R) Geake (C), Cruce	373-1707
	(D) Conroy	
Natural Resources	(R) Arthurhultz (C), Gast	373-1635
	(D) Mack	
Public Health	(R) Binsfeld (C), Smith	373-2413
	(D) Conroy	
Regulatory	(R) Cruce (C), Smith	373-2523
	(D) Holmes	
Retirement	(R) Cruce (C), Smith	373-2523
	(D) Faxon	
Social Services	(R) Geake (C), Arthurhultz	373-1707
	(D) Conroy	
State Police & Military Affairs	(R) Smith (C), Arthurhultz	373-2426
	(D) Conroy	
Transportation	(R) Binsfeld (C), Cruce	373-2413
	(D) Faxon	

Local Government & Veterans	(R) Cropsey (C), Fredricks (V-C), Nichols	373-7946
	(D) G. Hart (V-C), Cherry	
Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs	(R) Ehlers (C), Binsfeld (V-C), Gast	373-1801
	(D) Cherry (V-C), Mack	
Regulatory Affairs	(R) DiNello (C), Fessler (V-C), Arthurhultz, Welborn	373-7315
	(D) O'Brien (V-C), Barcia	
State Affairs, Tourism & Transportation	(R) Fessler (C), Binsfeld (V-C), Fredricks	373-1758
	(D) O'Brien (V-C), G. Hart	
Joint Administrative Rules	(R) Fredricks (C), Welborn, Dillingham	373-6920
	(D) Barcia, Pollack	
Legislative Council	(R) Engler, Nichols, Posthumus, DeGrow	373-3960
	(D) Faust, DiNello	
Legislative Retirement	(R) Engler, Nichols, Gast, Posthumus	373-3760
	(D) Faxon	
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES		
Agriculture	(R) DeGrow (C), Gast	373-7708
	(D) Mack	
Budget & Oversight	(R) Gast (C), DeGrow (V-C), Cruce	373-6960
	(D) Holmes, Faxon	
Capital Outlay	(R) Gast (C), Binsfeld, DeGrow, Geake	373-6960
	(D) Holmes, Mack	
Community Colleges	(R) Gast (C), DeGrow	373-6960
	(D) Vaughn	
Corrections	(R) Smith (C), Arthurhultz	373-2426
	(D) Vaughn	