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## Michigan ROUNDUP

....The House rejected Tuesday a conference committee report to raise the speed limit to 65 mph and ban radar detectors. On Wednesday, a second conference committee approved a measure to raise the speed limit, deleting the ban on radar detectors. The Senate and House approved the new compromise Thursday, sending the bill to the governor. The governor has threatened to veto a speed limit bill that does not contain traffic safety provisions, including a ban on radar detectors.

....Rather than roll back the state income tax, Rep. Lynn Jondahl, House Taxation Committee chair, is urging that the personal exemption be increased from \$1,500 to \$1,900 in 1987, \$1,950 in 1988, and \$2,000 in 1989. Jondahl believes this would be more equitable than the rollback, which would provide disproportionate relief to the wealthy. The committee is expected to vote on the proposal next week. State Treasurer Robert Bowman stated that the administration would review the plan even though the governor prefers a rollback.

....All indications are that Right to Life of Michigan will finally win its decade-long battle to ban Medicaid abortions. A vote is expected next week on the initiative proposal. There is little doubt the initiative will pass both houses, but the effective date of the ban is in question. Unless the bill is given immediate effect, which requires a two-thirds vote in each house, the ban will not take effect until April 1, 1988. Immediate effect is assured in the Senate, but not in the House.

....Most of the 1987-88 state appropriations bills are expected to be sent to conference committees next week.

....Under legislation introduced by Senator Dick Posthumus (SB 349) and Representative David Honigman (HB 4773), Michigan's presidential nomination process would include a presidential primary instead of the current complicated processes conducted by both the Democratic and Republican parties. The bills would allow residents to vote in the primary of either party, but not in both; such primaries were held in Michigan until 1972. The legislation would take effect in 1992. An aide to Senator Posthumus said that state GOP chair Spencer Abraham and Democratic chair Rick Weiner were working on provisions to include the rules of the national committees in the Senate version.

....Elections were held this week in 56 school districts to decide whether or not to override the Headlee amendment, which requires school districts to roll back their millage rates when property values increase faster than inflation during the previous year. Thirty-six communities voted to waive the required millage reduction, but twenty rejected overrides, reducing millages and school budgets in those communities.

...The Detroit News reports that David Dempsey, environmental advisor to Governor Blanchard, is opposed to the possible selection of a regional low-level radioactive waste site in Michigan and to the selection process involved. "We've got very strong reservations about the whole thing, specifically the process the federal government has ordered," said Dempsey. Congress required all states to pick a radioactive waste site within their own borders or join a regional compact to find a single site for several states.

....A fundraiser for Governor Blanchard held Monday in Detroit's Greektown netted about \$800,000, which will be deposited into Blanchard's officeholder expense fund.