



Michigan ROUNDUP

....The state fiscal year ended Wednesday without final approval of a 1987-88 budget. Work continued on the budget this week as the Senate passed the school aid and Department of Education budgets and sent them back to the House. The Department of Social Services budget, which includes the Medicaid budget, is scheduled for Senate passage next Tuesday. Without a Medicaid budget, the DSS predicts that on October 15 it will run out of money to reimburse hospitals. Republicans and Democrats continue to debate the level of increases for Medicaid service providers and AFDC and General Assistance recipients. Other unfinished fiscal business is how to use the \$170 million that state government will reap from federal tax reform; there is still disagreement among the House and Senate and the governor.

....Two Senate committees approved conflicting bills that would raise the speed limit to 65 mph, while negotiations continue between House and Senate leaders and the governor's office on a third bill. The final plan likely will include higher fines, more penalty points for speeders, and more vigorous speed limit enforcement.

....The House passed a bill (HB 4907) aimed at protecting state companies from hostile takeovers. The bill would allow current shareholders to decide if a purchaser of more than 20 percent of outstanding shares will be allowed to vote. The Senate is expected to support the bill.

....The Senate Finance Committee reported out two bills (SBs 447 and 448) that would raise taxes on Michigan-based insurance companies from \$1-2 million annually to about \$23 million.

....Governor Blanchard's job approval rating has dropped from 77 percent to 65 percent since March, according to Marketing Resource Group, which conducted a survey of 800 state residents. His disapproval rating jumped from 16 percent to 27 percent.

....Michigan is estimated to rank ninth in the nation in both revenues and expenditures in fiscal year 1986-87, but the state's estimated ending balance of \$43 million ranks 29th, well below the national average of \$70.4 million, according to a National Governors Association report. The report, cited in the Lansing State Journal, warned that "sluggish car sales, high inventories, and a possible strike of auto companies may have negative effects on fiscal 1988 revenues for the Great Lakes states."

....In an unusual move, the state legislature may become involved in state Republican party politics. The GOP state committee, dominated by a coalition of Pat Robertson and Jack Kemp supporters, denied the right of party nominees to vote in county conventions, a move that damages the efforts of George Bush supporters. But Senate Majority Leader John Engler and House Minority Leader Paul Hillegonds, both Bush backers, are exploring support from Democratic leaders for a plan that would effectively eliminate state GOP domination by the Robertson-Kemp coalition and give control to the Bush supporters. Engler may propose legislation that would reverse the GOP state committee's action and also increase the size of the committee. Full Senate and House approval of such a move is uncertain.

....Matt McLogan, a former Public Service Commission member, has been appointed vice president for college relations at Grand Valley State College. His successor on the commission is presumed to be Steven Fetter, a former Republican Senate staffer, but he has not yet been officially appointed.

NEWS

From the office of
THE GOVERNOR



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 2, 1987

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COLE NAMED SPECIAL ADVISOR ON FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Governor James J. Blanchard today announced the appointment of his chief of staff, Richard T. Cole, to the newly created office of Special Advisor on the Future of Higher Education. In this capacity, Cole will work with the higher education community of Michigan to review and report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, which were issued in December 1984 as part of the Governor's strategy for rebuilding Michigan's university and college system.

As Special Advisor, Cole also will develop specific policy recommendations for presentation to the Governor covering a variety of issues relating to the future of higher education, including the potential impact of the implementation of the Michigan Education Trust (MET) -- America's first tuition guarantee program.

"For some time now, I have been aware of a pressing need to appoint a high-level official to conduct a complete review of current and future needs of Michigan's higher education system," Gov. Blanchard said. "This project requires an individual with a strong public policy and education background with whom I have a close working relationship. It also requires that the appointed individual be free from the distractions of day-to-day management."

"I have made every effort to significantly improve upon what is generally regarded as one of America's greatest public and private higher education systems. In order to preserve our gains while moving ahead, a variety of issues must be examined by an individual upon whom I can rely for clear and complete advice. Rick Cole is uniquely

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suitied for this challenge."

Stephen Weiss will succeed Cole as chief of staff. Weiss, the Governor's deputy chief of staff for internal affairs since June 1985, and most recently acting director of the Department of Management and Budget, will serve until the first of the year.

Prior to becoming deputy chief of staff, Weiss served as director of the Governor's programs and policies unit and on the staff of the Governor's Cabinet Council on Jobs and Economic Development.

Cole was appointed Chief of Staff to Gov. Blanchard in December 1986, after having served as Press Secretary since September 1983. He also serves on the board of the Michigan Education Trust.

A Detroit area native, Cole holds a B.A. in psychology from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, where he will be awarded Outstanding Alumnus for 1987, one of three such designations to be granted on October 10. He holds a master's and doctorate in Administration and Higher Education from Michigan State University, East Lansing, where he has served as adjunct professor in the College of Communication Arts and Science.

In Lansing since 1970, Cole has been a committee aide for the State Senate Education Committee, Director of School Law and Legislation in the Michigan Department of Education, Senate Majority Executive Secretary, and Consultant to the Washington, D.C. - based Institute for Educational Leadership. He has also been a private sector lobbyist and co-owner of the Lansing based communications and association management firm, Publicom Incorporated.

"This is a difficult decision, but I have made this important decision based upon my commitment to higher education and my deep belief that it is time for Richard T. Cole to have this chance to again work in the area of his greatest public interest -- education," Gov. Blanchard said.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

SENATOR PHIL ARTHURHULTZ

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Interested Persons
FROM: Senator Phil Arthurhultz, Majority Floor Leader
DATE: July 20, 1987
RE: Senate Session Schedule

Tuesday, September 22	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, September 23	10:00 a.m.	
Thursday, September 24	No Session	Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 25	No Session	

Monday, September 28	No Session
Tuesday, September 29	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 1	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 2	No Session

Monday, October 5	No Session
Tuesday, October 6	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 7	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 8	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 9	No Session

Monday, October 12	No Session
Tuesday, October 13	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 14	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 15	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 16	No Session

Monday, October 19	No Session
Tuesday, October 20	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 21	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 22	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 23	No Session

Monday, October 26	No Session
Tuesday, October 27	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 28	9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 29	9:30 a.m.
Friday, October 30	No Session

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Monday, November 2	No Session	
Tuesday, November 3	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 4	9:30 a.m.	
Thursday, November 5	9:30 a.m.	
Friday, November 6	No Session	
Monday, November 9	No Session	
Tuesday, November 10	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 11	No Session	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 12	9:30 a.m.	
Friday, November 13	No Session	
Monday, November 16	No Session	
Tuesday, November 17	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, November 18	9:30 a.m.	
Thursday, November 19	9:30 a.m.	
Friday, November 20	No Session	
Monday, November 23	No Session	
Tuesday, November 24	No Session	
Wednesday, November 25	No Session	
Thursday, November 26	No Session	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27	No Session	
Monday, November 30	No Session	
Tuesday, December 1	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 2	9:30 a.m.	
Thursday, December 3	9:30 a.m.	
Friday, December 4	9:30 a.m.	Tentative
Monday, December 7	7:00 p.m.	Tentative
Tuesday, December 8	10:00 a.m.	
	1:30 p.m.	Tentative
Wednesday, December 9	9:30 a.m.	
	1:30 p.m.	Tentative
Thursday, December 10	9:30 a.m.	
	1:30 p.m.	Tentative

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS BREAK

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Interested Persons
FROM: Senator Phil Arthurbultz, Majority Floor Leader
DATE: July 21, 1987
RE: Senate Session Deadlines

- December 1 - Final Day for Senate Bills to be Reported
from a Senate Standing Committee
- December 3 - Final Day for House Bills to be Reported
from a Senate Standing Committee
- December 4 - Final Day for Senate Action on Senate Bills
- December 10 - Final Day for Senate Action on House Bills

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