Sponsored By Jacobetti:

House Adopts "N" Ordinance Authority Bill

LANSING — A measure which would grant Northern Michigan University authority to adopt special ordinances for the protection of persons and property under its control has been given House approval and sent to the Senate.

Sponsored by Rep. Dominick J. Jacobetti of Negaunee (D-106th District), the bill would place enforcement in the hands of local Marquette city and county law enforcement agencies.

It passed the House by a 99-3 vote Wednesday after coming under attack by black legislators from Lower Michigan.

They charged racial antagonism existed on the NMU campus the past year, that black students claimed their lives had been endangered by guns in possession of white students and that the university's administration refused to review or change various policies relating to weapons and civil rights.

"Northern Michigan University is in my legislative district and I feel I have a responsibility to it," Jacobetti said in explaining the reason for introducing the legislation.

"I am determined that we will restore law and order at our institutions of higher learning, at any expense. Taxpayers have the right to expect that tax-supported colleges and universities be operated in a lawful manner."

"University students must learn to respect our laws. They must enroll at our universities with the intention of obtaining an education, and not to create havoc, disrupt classes and try to tell the board and administration how to operate the school and its curriculum. Destruction of property and threats against persons will not be tolerated."

"My bill will give the university the power it needs to maintain order. I will recommend to the board of control that it expel any student who does not meet the educational standards of the school."

"Students must realize that if they do not obey the rules, they will be sent home. They must know that we will not tolerate riots, unruly demonstrations, threats and the destruction of property."

The Negaunee lawmaker stressed that his bill will protect the rights of the majority of students at Northern who are at the university to obtain an education, adding:

"Those students, their parents and the taxpayers want and should be assured of law and order on the campus."

"We must present a united front in America if we hope to achieve peace on earth and ultimately defeat the threat of Communism to the free world."

Youth, Boy Injured In Accidents

An 18-year-old Negaunee driver sustained minor injuries and was issued a ticket in a one-car accident at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday on County Road 510, in Negaunee Township, it was reported by state police of the Marquette post.

David Minori, Box 106, Negaunee, failed to see a road construction sign and skidded into...