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5-21-75 — After heated, sometimes angry debate in the state Senate, the equal rights amendment proposal was passed, signed by Governor Carey and will appear on the ballot in November.

It is an amendment to the state, not the federal, constitution, and the feeling at this particular time is that between now and November a lot of money and hot words will be spent denouncing or praising the measure.

It appears the issue has become as emotional as abortion, and unless those supporting the amendment wage a heavy battle, it will probably be defeated at the polls.

Those opposed to the amendment have a leg up in the battle, because the rows of levers on the voting machines usually reserved for such items are notoriously ignored by voters.

Gov. Carey paid \$12,699 in the federal income taxes in 1974 on an adjusted gross income of \$66,903. That was one of the items the governor dropped at his most recent press conference.

Carey has ordered anyone in state government who makes more than \$30,000 a year to file reports listing their net worth and sources of income.

The report will be on file with the Secretary of State for anyone to read — sometime in July.

The order also prohibits those with incomes above \$30,000 or those who hold policy-making positions from outside employment, including political party positions.

Carey listed \$161,563 in assets, \$66,700 in liabilities and owes \$33,000 in bank loans.

While Carey said he was setting an example by the disclosure, the legislature is not likely to follow suit. Many of the \$23,560 a year legislators hold outside jobs and are also party officials.

"Are you kidding?" replied one legislator when asked if the legislature would follow Carey's example.

Temper, and intelligence, are growing shorter in the Capitol. When several Senators objected to a resolution by Republican Sen. James Donovan of Chadwick's praising the U. S. Marine Corps for their role in the rescue of the crew of the Mayaguez, Donovan began to sternly question them about their war records. "Did you see combat?" he asked one critic.

In the Assembly a Brooklyn legislator had to be almost physically soothed by his colleagues when in a fit of jealousy he objected to a bill because a similar one he had filed had yet to be agreed upon.

6-3-75 — Many say that times have changed, and that a loose collection of rural upstate lawmakers no longer control the State Legislature.

Sorry, (or maybe not) it's still true.

A case in point is the situation in New York City, where the chickens finally came home to roost after years of fiscal mismanagement and minor games.

Mayor Beame wants more money, hundreds of millions of dollars from the state because in about 30 days the city will be out of cash.

Beame has blamed, predictably, Washington, which refused him any money, the banks, who have refused to lend him any, and the city bonds, which are selling at a discount.

It is the state, then, upstate, that has the power of power in this city, and the state is refusing to lend him any money.

Beame has blamed the state, the state has blamed the city, and the city has blamed the state.

Some of the Republicans want from New York City, but they only want a bleeding, negative press, against the city Democrats in the Senate.

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PERRY MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Donna Ed. Senewski at Perry Motor Speedway has planned one of the most unusual events for the 16th year at Perry. This year Perry Motor Speedway has switched the race date to Friday night with Limited Sportsman, Challengers and the Can-Am Midgets. In order to reintroduce auto racing to many people through the Perry

The city has a mayor and a Council, but the fact is that legally the city is a creature of the state, and if the city wants to raise taxes, or get more money, they have to come to Albany to get it.

While State Comptroller Arthur Levitt has agreed to advance the city \$200 million, it is a safe bet update legislators won't help bail out New York City Democrats.

The negotiations over the city's budget problems may also have reached a new low in political maneuvering.

Several of those attending the private sessions with Beame, Gov. Carey and others dropped hints later that the crisis has left Beame "in a trance," suggesting that the whole affair has left him slightly unbalanced.

Other Democrats hotly deny this of course.

area, Ed has scheduled a fan acquaintance night at the Speedway. On Friday, June 13th, there will be absolutely no grand stand admission charge. All spectators will be admitted free for all races.

"In the 16 years of racing at Perry, many changes have been made. We are taking this opportunity to reintroduce many people to the exciting sport of speed," said Senewski in announcing his fan acquaintance day. "Racing is really a family sport and I want to prove it to our many friends in the Perry area. I personally invite you to attend on Friday, June 13 with the first race at 8:30," he said.

Leading the Limited Sportsman division at the Perry oval is Doug Hewitt and Paul Weber both from the Perry area. The open-wheel Limited Sportsman provide the most competition on the 3rd mile banked asphalt Speedway. In addition, three star racing fills out the stock car aspect of the show. In this division, racing returns to what is originally set out to be, stock cars with stock components.

Highlighting the show will be the Can-Am Midgets. Headed up by Bruce Boksky of Ontario, the small Midgets turn the Speedway in record speeds. The Can-Am Midget group is nationally known competing throughout the United States. In addition to a lengthy summer schedule, the Midgets run their series in Daytona Beach each February.

Perry Motor Speedway is located on Adrian Road South of Route 20A. The fan acquaintance night will have no spectator charge will get under way with practice at 7:00 and the first race at 8:30.

HOLLAND CELEBRATES FLAG DAY

This Saturday, June 14th, Holland International Speedway will hold its annual events in recognition of the national Flag Day. The first 500 youngsters to the Speedway will receive free checkered racing flags. The youngsters will then participate in the Annual Junior Starter contest with the winner being selected as the 1975 Junior Starter Dave Sutton. The 14 race program will get under way with gates open at 5:30, practice at 6:00 and first race at 7:30.

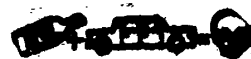
The three divisions of auto racing are headed up by the Late Model Sportsman division. In this new car division, Dick Flaig of Eggertsville and Sonny Wittemeyer of Glenwood, both piloting Corvairs, are two points apart in their quest for division leadership. Flaig who slipped to 12th place after finishing second in the 1973 standings, is enjoying a good year with one feature win to date. Wittemeyer, has yet to crack the victor's circle in the 35 lap features, but has been able to place high with his consistent driving. The blue number 13 prepared by Al Cretlinger of Buffalo received a reprieve on Saturday, May 31st.

After blowing his engine in practice, the rain washed out the feature action. This allowed them to put a new engine in and compete in the rained out activity the following week.

Although having missed the first three weeks activity, Charlie Neumann of Buffalo in the Limited Sportsman division has been difficult to beat. The Police Sergeant from Lockport nearly edged out fellow competitor Rich Rogers of Lockport in the last 25 lap outing. The division leader is presently Doug Pringle of Warsaw with another Wyoming County competitor Doug Hewitt of Perry a mere three points behind.

The Challenger division made up of basically stock automobiles made rookie Larry Havens of South Wales holding a 14 point edge over another rookie Jim Kern of Hamburg. The division after a slow start in the 1974 season, has blossomed into a full racing division with many entries. The division has rejuvenated the wide open racing at the Holland oval.

Activity for the three divisions and flag night will get under way this Saturday with the first race scheduled for 7:30.



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