

Troy City Council
4/2/07 meeting
Rep. Knollenberg's comments

- \$941 million deficit for this current fiscal year. Must be solved before October.
- Gov's expansion of the sales tax to more than 80 services.
- Gov's 2 penny plan = \$1.5 billion (that's a lot of pennies).
- Gov's budget creates or expands 17 programs.
- Senate took action a few weeks ago on solving our budget crisis.
- Senate plan is all cuts, no tax increase. Includes a \$34 per pupil cut to schools.
- Passage of the Senate plan is one of the first steps. Negotiations amongst House Leadership is underway.
- I will not support tax increases to balance our budget. Government must live within its means.
- There is still fat to trim.
 - \$8 million a year in extra school aid fund to Detroit Schools because their enrollment numbers are declining.
 - \$5 million a year to a developer in Lansing to build a new State Police HQ while the current lease is \$1 a year until 2030.
 - \$10 million a year to Wayne County that's use goes unreported.
 - Hundred of millions of dollars in savings that could be realized by health care pooling.
 - More than 56,000 state employees.
 - More than 7,000 state vehicle.
 - Detroit Schools – well over a million dollars spent last year in artwork and travel expenses.
 - \$6 million slated to be spent on a fountain in front of the Capitol.
 - These are just a few areas which need to be reformed.