

Democrat, Ruppe is probably the least likely of the state's Republican Congressmen to follow the lead of Majority Leader Gerald Ford. Ruppe appears to have a very solid hold on the 11th district—one that is unlikely to be broken if only because of the sheer physical effort required by a possible campaign in this vast district.

Census Data Pop. 467,547. Central city, 0%; suburban, 0%. Median family income, \$7,884; families above \$15,000; 10%; families below \$3,000; 14%. Median years education, 12.0.

1972 Share of Federal Outlays \$474,085,438

DOD	\$149,380,070	HEW	\$204,086,508
AEC	\$164,556	HUD	\$845,000
NASA	-	DOI	\$3,096,628
DOT	\$18,782,983	USDA	\$23,037,014
		Other	\$74,694,679

Federal Military-Industrial Commitments

DOD Installations Sawyer AFB (Marquette); Saulte Ste. Marie AF Station (Sault Ste. Marie); Wurtsmith AFB (Oscoda).

Economic Base Agriculture, notably dairy products, cattle and fruits; finance, insurance and real estate; metal mining, especially iron ores; lumber and wood products; and machinery. Also higher education (Northern Michigan Univ.).

The Voters

Registration 260,151 total. No party registration.

Median voting age 45.8

Employment profile White collar, 41%. Blue collar, 40%. Service, 16%. Farm, 3%.

Ethnic groups Total foreign stock, 23%. Canada, Finland, 5% each; Germany, Sweden, UK, 2% each; Italy, Poland, 1% each.

Presidential vote

1972	Nixon (R)	117,006	(57%)
	McGovern (D)	86,548	(43%)
1968	Nixon (R)	88,694	(48%)
	Humphrey (D)	85,510	(46%)
	Wallace (A)	10,940	(6%)

Representative



Philip E. Ruppe (R) Elected 1966; b. Sept. 29, 1926, Laurium; home, Houghton; Yale U., B.A., 1948; Navy, Korean War; married, five children; Catholic.

Career Pres., Bosch Brewing Co. 1955-1965; Dir. Houghton Natl. Bank and Commercial Natl. Bank of L'Anse.

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Committees

Interior and Insular Affairs (6th); Subs: Environment (Ranking Mbr.); National Parks and Recreation; Mines and Mining; Territorial and Insular Affairs.

Merchant Marine and Fisheries (4th); Subs: Coast Guard and Navigation (Ranking Mbr.); Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment; Merchant Marine.

Group Ratings

ADA	CODE	LWV	RIPON	NFU	LCV	CFA	NAB
1972	44	82	78	80	54	0	80
1971	32	50	85	50	50	50	-
1970	56	-	80	85	28	63	75

Key Votes

- 1) Busing FOR
- 2) Strip Mines AGN
- 3) Cut Mil \$ AGN
- 4) Rev Shrg FOR
- 5) Pub TV \$ AGN

Election Results

- 1972 general: Philip E. Ruppe (R)
- James E. McNamara (D)
- James P. Hoy (A)
- 1972 primary: Philip E. Ruppe (R), unopposed
- 1970 general: Philip E. Ruppe (R)
- Nino Green (D)

TWELFTH DISTRICT Political Background

Macomb County, adjoining Detroit to the city's northeast, is an area of increased suburban sprawl commonly found in many of the nation's metropolitan areas. I had a population of 184,000 people; by 1970, 625,000—having more than tripled years. The northern reaches of the county are still rural, but for 20 miles beyond the Detroit city limit, Macomb is an agglomeration of neat subdivisions, windier thin-walled apartment complexes, and gleaming new shopping centers. But suburban residents of southern California, the people living in Macomb have in the East Side of Detroit. Census figures show that the descendants of the immigrants who came to man the East Side auto plants have beelined out to su (pop. 179,000), East Detroit, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, and Sterling Height

Though filled with suburbs, Macomb remains blue-collar territory, with earning livelihoods in factory or service jobs. But thanks to high UAW wages, it of the most prosperous suburban counties in the nation; its median family income annually. Yet the upward mobility has meant more in dollars than in social status buy a \$35,000 home, but the head of the household still works on an assembly absorbed a monumental population influx in the past twenty years, Macomb its politics on a virtual tabula rasa: its native aristocracy were too few in number to modulate changes in local political opinion.

Aside from a small ghetto in the old county seat town of Mount Clements, it all white and intends to stay that way. Because of the sheer pressure of population growth here was inevitable; but one factor behind the exodus to racial: a desire to escape the city of Detroit, which is 42% black. This became in doubt—in 1970, when Warren voted down an urban renewal scheme Secretary George Romney. The former Michigan Governor talked about making of national laboratory for suburban integration. Romney's plans for Warren wife Lenore's Senate candidacy in 1970. The people in Macomb County want Romney didn't want to integrate their own Bloomfield Hills, a posh suburb County.

But the real depth of Macomb's racial feelings became manifest in 1972. Stephen Roth ordered a metropolitan busing plan to cure segregation in Detroit plan were ever enforced (at this writing the case is on appeal to the Supreme Road would no longer serve as an impenetrable racial barrier. The reaction prospect was outrage. Nowhere in the Detroit was anti-busing fervor as in County, and this is clear from the results of local elections.