

PHILIP E. RUPPE
11TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 26, 1974

01
8

Mr. Howard P. Willens
1666 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Willens:


Thank you for your letter requesting an opportunity to meet with me on the status of negotiations between the Marianas Political Status Commission and the United States aimed at achieving political union between the Marianas and the United States after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

I would be happy to meet with you at my office in 203 Cannon House Office Building. Please contact my Personal Secretary, Miss Kathy Miller, to arrange a date and time which is mutually convenient for us.

Thank you again for your letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Philip E. Rippe
Member of Congress

PER:php

SEM - Mr. Willens
203 Cannon
01 - 07258

(225 4735)

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	\$843,000
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), Sault Ste. Marie AF Station (Sault Ste. Marie), Wurtsmith AFB (Oshtemo).

Essential 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.

• *Medium 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 (AI)	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.

Offices 203 CHOB, 202-225-4735. Also West Memorial Rd., Houghton 49931, 906-482-4041.

Administrative Assistant Christopher Farrand
 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	NSI	ACA
1972	44	40	32	78	80	54	0	80	63	75
1971	32	36	50	85	50	—	50	—	—	—
1970	56	60	—	80	85	28	63	75	89	—

Key Votes

- 1) Busing
- 2) Strip Mines
- 3) Cut Mill \$
- 4) Rev Shig
- 5) Pub TV \$
- 6) Cambodia Bmbg
- 7) Bust Hwy Trust
- 8) Farm Sub Limit
- 9) School Prayr
- 10) Consum Prot
- 11) Chkg Acct Intrr
- 12) End HISC (HUAC)
- 13) Nixon Sewer Veto
- 14) Corp Campaign \$
- 15) Pol \$ Disclosr

Election Results

1972 general:	Philip E. Ruppe (R)	135,786
	James E. McNamara (D)	58,334
	James P. Hoy (AI)	1,489
1972 primary:	Philip E. Ruppe (R), unopposed	85,323
1970 general:	Philip E. Ruppe (R)	53,146
	Nino Green (D)	—

TWELFTH DISTRICT Political Background

Macomb County, adjoining Detroit to the city's northeast, is an area of incredibly fast suburban sprawl commonly found in many of the nation's metropolitan areas. In 1950, when had a population of 184,000 people; by 1970, 625,000—having more than tripled in size while years. The northern reaches of the county are still rural, but for 20 miles beyond Eight Mile Rd the Detroit city limit, Macomb is an agglomeration of neat subdivisions, winding streets, and thin-walled apartment complexes, and gleaming new shopping centers. But unlike the suburban residents of southern California, the people living in Macomb have roots, and the in the East Side of Detroit. Census figures show that the descendants of the Polish and the immigrants who came to man the East Side auto plants have belined out to suburbs like W (pop. 179,000), East Detroit, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, and Sterling Heights.

Though filled with suburbs, Macomb remains blue-collar territory, with most people earning livelihoods in factory or service jobs. But thanks to high UAW wages, Macomb is the of the most prosperous suburban counties in the nation; its median family income is over \$1 annually. Yet the upward mobility has meant more in dollars than in social status: people can buy a \$55,000 home, but the head of the household still works on an assembly line. It absorbed a monumental population influx in the past twenty years, Macomb County has its politics on a virtual tabula rasa: its native aristocracy were too few in number to quickly modulate changes in local political opinion.

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

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

07259

07250