Representation, federal money it stake in Detroit census suit

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DETROIT — Much more than statistical precision is at stake in the ty of Detroit's landmark lawsuit against the Census Bureau. In the lance are congressional reputation and millions of dollars in governent aid, so many of the nation's large cities are watching. City attorneys went to court Monday demanding the Census Bureau

me up with a more accurate population count. A variety of statistical specialists and Census Bureau officials were

spected to be called as witnesses. The lawsuit sought an order requiring the Census Bureau, by statismethods, to figure into its official 1980 tally the population ercount" — the number of people missed in the census-taking

A National Urban League demographer who studied the 1970 census estimated federal officials overlooked 67,000 Detroit residents costing the city at least \$52 million in federal and state grants through the decade

The suit, being closely watched by many of the nation's large cities, contended the government has a constitutional requirement to count the whole number of persons" living in the country.

The Census Bureau concedes it missed about 5.3 million people in the 1970 census. Census-taking procedures have been improved, but there is little doubt there will be an undercount in 1980 also. City officials contend past undercounts have short-changed Detroit in both aid allocated partly on a population basis and proper represenTestimony begins today

ERA bribery alleged

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Lawyers for Wanda
Brandstetter, unsuccessful in their bid to avoid trial on charges she sought to bribe a state lawmaker to vote for the Equal Rights Amendment, say they'll prove she was the victim of a plot to defeat the controversial proposal.

Defense motions to dismiss the charges against the former National Organization for Women field organizer and mother of three teen-agers were denied

Testimony was to begin today in Brandstetter's

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In denying the dismissal motion, Sangamon County Associate Circuit Judge Jeanne Scott said defense attorneys failed to support their claim Brandstetter was unfairly singled out for prosecution

The case is the first known criminal proceeding involving the ERA. It hinges on the question of whether Brandstetter actually offered a bribe or merely a legal campaign contribution.

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Senate eyeing tax cut

United Press International WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee plans to move full speed ahead on a tax-cut bill, but is trying to decide which way to veer: toward individuals or business.

The panel voted 11-1 Monday to

draft a tax-reduction bill to take effect Jan. 1, 1981.

Committee Chairman Russell Long, D-La., said Monday he is confident the committee can complete its work by Sept. 3 and maybe even by the end of the week. He also expects the Congress to approve the tax-cut bill by the end of the year.

Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore. who has opposed any taxcut effort before the end of the year, was not present when the votes were tallied, but Long announced Packwood would be recorded as voting no.

In the House, the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee continued hearings on the advisability of a tax cut, but so far has announced no plans to act before the end of the

Long was confident if the Senate overwhelmingly approves a tax cut, the Ways and Means Committee will

Long, who faces a tough primary in Louisiana Sept. 13, urged the panel to target a sizable portion of the tax cut for individuals. "I would like to see us act in a way to benefit the rank and file of a great majority of taxpayers," he said.

But Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo.,

argued that a major portion of the tax cut should be geared toward business to spur productivity and in-

crease employment.
Also Monday, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, chairman of the congressional Joint Economic Committee, introduced a bill for a \$10 billion tax cut aimed at stimulating business invest-

Bentsen, D-Texas, called for faster tax depreciation writeoffs for equipment, machinery and buildings. It would reduce the depreciation time by 40 percent for equipment and machinery and would cut it in half for investment in buildings.

After other senators offered their pet tax cut proposals, the Republicans and Democrats decided to caucus separately to come up with some workable plans.

Oil rig getscharity visit

United Press International PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Barbara Pacheco has been to some far-flung locations to raise money for the United Way, but a trip to an oil rig 105 miles off the New Jersey coast tops

Pacheco, a campaign associate for United Way of Southeastern New England, hopped into a helicopter with Cumberland businessman F. Steel Blackall this week to visit the wildcat drillers on the oil rig Ocean

The two made the trip to the floating oil rig at the invitation of ODE-CO, Inc., President Hugh J. Kelly, whose firm is sinking a 16,000-foot well for Tenneco Inc.

"He is very active with the United Way in his home of New Orleans and he wanted to make sure the workers were giving their fair share," Pache-

Kelly wanted them to contribute to the fund, but was concerned their

unusual working location might present some problems. When he asked Pacheco to come

to the rig and explain the fund, she

'We went down there and spoke to two groups, showed them a film and talked about the United Way," she said.

"The idea of going off to an oil rig isn't that unusual," she said. "I've done some strange things for the United Way. I've gone to factories to talk to workers — with machines whirring around me.

'After all, we are asking them for

their money," she said.
Pacheco said she was thrilled ab-

out the two-hour helicopter trip.
"Well, I was kind of excited about the idea, needless to say," she admitted. "I've never been in a helicopter before. I think we went down to Long Island, then hung a left."