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              Michigan Speaker of the House, feels term limits do have
              downsides. Just as some lawmakers are reaching their full
              potential, they must leave their posts because of term li=
mits.
              This has led many in Michigan to question the value of te=
rm
              limits and the need to extend them. <br>
                      Johnson recognizes the pos=
itive
              outcomes of term limits, however. He states, " Even u=
nder
              term limits, my colleagues are dedicated public servants.=
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              legislator's work cannot be measured solely by the hours =
they
              vote on the floor. <span style=3D"mso-spacerun:
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              district office hours and attend dozens of events in thei=
r area
              every week. Throughout the summer months, even though ses-
sion
              had adjourned, my caucus convened hearings in every corne=
r of
              Michigan on health care, land use, tax simplification and
              declining school enrollments. They answer constituent cal=
ls and
              work to solve problems throughout the year. The workload =
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              change under term limits, just the amount of time you hav=
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              Adair, Oklahoma's Speaker of the House, believes that ter=
               limits may result in more disruptions and confusion in te-
rms of
               legislative organization. A new period of two-party compe=
tition
              arrived in Oklahoma under term limits, and Oklahoma, like=
many
               states, now finds itself in a changed partisan environmen=
t. In
              the past, the Democratic party generally controlled both
               chambers, and the leadership of both chambers was essenti=
ally in
              place well in advance of the convening of the legislature=
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                       Grassroots efforts to repeal or =
modify
              legislative term limits in Oklahoma are currently underwa=
у.
              Local government leaders are beginning to consider their =
own
               initiative drive out of concern that legislative term lim=
its may
              have a negative influence on local government and their
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communities. The fact that repeal or modification of term=

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limits
               is being raised at this time validates my belief that vot=
ers
               failed here and in many other states to realize that at t=
he time
               they voted for legislative term limits, that it would som-
e day
               result in their legislator in whom they have placed their=
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               and support would some day be forced out of office.</span=
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