Hearings set

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THE ILLINOIS legislature next week is scheduled to begin committee hearings on bills that, thus far, have made it through either the state house or senate.

Among pending proposals by area legislators is State Rep. William Marovitz's (D-12th) bill to begin state regulation of the auto towing industry. The measure was overwhelmingly approved by the house about a week ago, and Marovitz said he'll ask State Sen. John Merlo (D-12th) to handle the measure in the senate.

Also winning passage was a bill sponsored by State Sen. Howard Carroll (D-15th) to allow senior citizens to use the equity in their homes to pay their real estate taxes. Under the bill, seniors could get loans to pay their taxes. The loan principal would not have to be paid until home was sold or the homeowner died, in which case funds would come from the person's estate.

Also pending is State Sen. Arthur Berman's (D-11th) bill to allow private attorneys to sue estranged fathers of families receiving public aid in lieu of child support money. That measure now is in the house.

A house committee, meanwhile, has scheduled hearings for Tuesday, June 6, on two bills designed to block the proposed Nazi march in Skokie. And State Rep. Penny Pullen (R-4th) said she "strongly supports" a bill now in the senate to permit state agencies to spend only those funds appropriated by the legislature.