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ROBERT BAUMAN
A narrow victory

GOP Wins House Seat In Maryland

Easton, Md.

Robert Bauman, a young conservative Republican, narrowly defeated Democrat Frederick Malkus yesterday in a race for a U.S. House seat.

With unofficial returns

from all 218 precincts, Bauman was the winner by a margin of 26,941 to 25,581.

It was the first congressional election since the onset of the Senate Watergate hearings and the announcement of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's involvement in a Maryland grand jury probe of alleged kickbacks.

But the two state legislators concentrated on local issues in their six-week campaign, and the public seemed apathetic to the election.

Bauman's election in the First Congressional District continues a ten-year Republican hold on the seat in the sprawling 13-county district where Democrats hold a 2 to 1 voting registration edge.

Bauman succeeds Representative William O. Mills (Rep-Md.), who shot himself to death May 24, a day after newspaper reports said his 1970 campaign did not report a \$25,000 contribution from the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Voter turnout amounted to about 24 per cent of the 205,000 registered voters in the district.

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