

Republican Candidate Predicted His Defeat

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GRAND RAPID, Mich., Feb. 19 — State Senator Robert VanderLaan, the Republican who lost yesterday's special election to fill Vice President Ford's former Congressional seat, wrote his election predictions on two pieces of paper last Friday.

He sealed the papers in envelopes and gave them to two reporters with a request that they be opened when the polls closed last night.

On the papers he had written that he would lose by 52 to 48 per cent of the vote. Actually, he lost by 51 to 44 per cent. The remainder of the vote went to two minor party candidates.