



NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR
PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH INC.

March 16, 1978

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA -- How effective is the legislator who represents you in Raleigh? How do fellow legislators view his performance in the General Assembly? How do lobbyists and reporters rate him?

The answers to these questions, and a great deal of additional information about individual legislators, will be available for the first time this year in a new pocket guidebook to the General Assembly being published by the N. C. Center for Public Policy Research.

Called "Article II: A Guide to the N. C. Legislature," the Center's new publication will be a handy reference tool for anyone who needs to know such things as where to locate a legislator, what his background is, what interest groups contributed to his last campaign, how he fared at the polls, what types of legislation he introduced in 1977 and how he voted on key issues during the last session.

"We've tried to draw together basic information about each legislator, important information that simply isn't available in any other single source," said Mercer Doty, acting director of the Center.

In addition, the new handbook will contain the results of a survey of the effectiveness of individual legislators conducted recently by the Center among 160 incumbent members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, 288 registered lobbyists and 39 experienced capital correspondents.

"Response to the survey has been very good from all three groups," said Fred Harwell, an associate director of the Center, "and we expect it to produce a balanced picture of just how effective each legislator is thought to be by his colleagues as well as by seasoned observers of the General Assembly."

The new handbook will go on sale prior to May 31, the date the General Assembly is scheduled to reconvene in Raleigh.

For more information, or to place an advance order, write: North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, Post Office Box 10886, Raleigh, N. C. 27605.