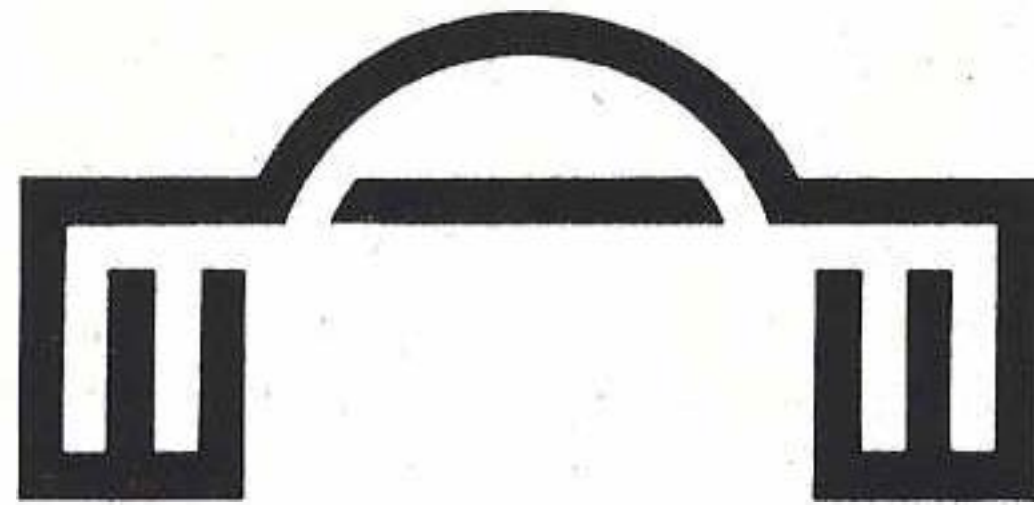




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VOTES BY MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE NOW AVAILABLE

In a service new to North Carolina, the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research has begun to publish the votes of each legislator in the N.C. General Assembly. The Center has just released the roll call votes of legislators on each public bill that was voted on during the two October, 1981 sessions of the General Assembly.

"Though the votes of each member of the legislature are published at the national level and in other states, no group has ever undertaken such a project in North Carolina," said the Center's director, Ran Coble. The Center hopes to continue the service in the redistricting session slated for early February this year and the June budget session.

The report contains the votes for each of the 50 Senators and 120 Representatives who participated in the October 5-10 budget session and October 29-30 redistricting session. The principal author of the report, Jim Bryan, said the data is based on the vote sheets maintained by the Principal Clerks and the Legislative Library. Bryan expressed appreciation for the cooperation of these offices in compiling the report. Bryan also praised John Allen, Legislative Services Officer, for his help.

There were approximately 170 bills considered during the October sessions. These included important votes on a revised appropriations act, the Clean Water Bond referendum, and many local spending projects, as well as several redistricting bills. The General Assembly returns for another redistricting session on February 9.

The Center for Public Policy Research is an independent nonprofit corporation created to examine the policies and practices of state government. It is supported in part by grants from the Z. Smith Reynolds and Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundations, both in Winston-Salem. Past efforts by the research group have been studies of out-of-field teaching, the effect of federal budget cuts on North Carolina, and the tobacco industry.

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