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REPORT ON LEGISLATORS' VOTES IN REDISTRICTING SESSION AVAILABLE

The N.C. Center for Public Policy Research has released the votes of each state legislator during the recent February redistricting session. The report is the second issue of a new vote reporting service begun by the Center.

The report released Tuesday shows how all 170 members of the State House and Senate voted on 8 public bills in the February 9-11 extra redistricting session. Entitled "HOW THE LEGISLATORS VOTED," the report includes the votes taken on the 3 bills to reapportion the state House, Senate, and the U.S. Congressional districts. Also included are votes on bills enacting changes in the dates for primary elections, in filling vacancies on the UNC Board of Governors, and in laws requiring local school boards to charge tuition.

The authors of the report, Center staffers Jim Bryan and Lacy Maddox, said the vote reporting service will continue to be offered in the June budget session.

The legislature first passed a package of redistricting plans in July 1981. A second attempt at redistricting was made in October 1981, but the plans enacted were disapproved by the U.S. Justice Department, under the federal voting Rights Act. The February 1982 session was thus the third try at redistricting by the General Assembly.

The Center's first report on how legislators voted included all roll call votes cast on 170 public bills in the two October sessions. Bryan and Maddox said the Center offers the vote reporting service on a subscription basis to citizens, lobbyists, and news media organizations. The charge for the first report was \$3.00, while the latest issue costs \$1.00.

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 Mary Reynolds Babcock and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundations, both based in Winston-Salem. Past efforts by the research group have been studies of legislators who serve on executive branch boards, out-of-field teaching, and the effect of federal budget cuts in North Carolina.

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