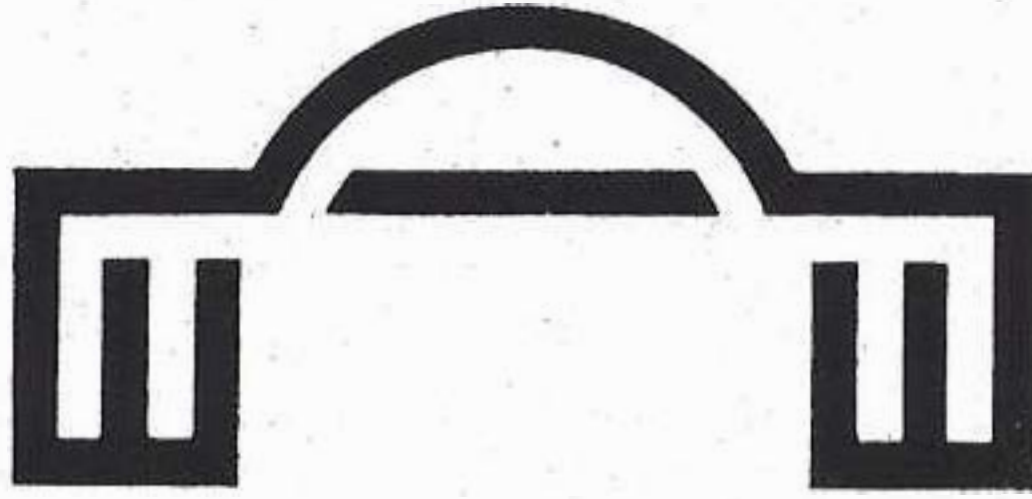




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LEGISLATORS' EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATED

Senate Majority Leader Kenneth C. Royall, Jr. and House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey were rated the most effective legislators in the most recent evaluation compiled by the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research. Effectiveness ratings were released for all 50 members of the N.C. Senate and 120 members of the House for the 1981-82 General Assembly.

The ratings were compiled from surveys evaluating legislators' effectiveness. Surveys were filled out by the legislators themselves, lobbyists, and capital news correspondents. The overall rankings were obtained by averaging the scores for these three groups.

The 10 Senators rated most effective were: (1) Sen. Royall (D - Durham); (2) Harold Hardison (D - Lenoir); (3) Craig Lawing (D - Mecklenburg); (4) Marshall Rauch (D - Gaston); (5) Robert Jordan (D - Montgomery); (6) Joseph J. Harrington (D - Bertie); (7) Henson Barnes (D - Wayne); (8) James Garrison (D - Stanly); (9) Russell Walker (D - Randolph); and (10) Ollie Harris (D - Cleveland).

The 10 members of the N.C. House of Representatives rated most effective were: (1) Rep. Ramsey (D - Madison); (2) William Watkins (D - Granville); (3) Allen Adams (D - Wake); (4) George Miller (D - Durham); (5) James Morgan (D - Guilford); (6) Dwight Quinn (D - Cabarrus); (7) Allen Barbee (D - Nash); (8) Daniel Lilley (D - Lenoir); (9) Parks Helms (D - Mecklenburg); and (10) Ernest Messer (D - Haywood). Messer has since resigned to accept an appointment by Gov. Hunt as Assistant Secretary for Aging in the Department of Human Resources.

The effectiveness ratings are part of a larger publication called Article II: A Guide to the N.C. Legislature, 1981-82, which will be released later this month. This book contains biographical and voting information on each legislator. Also included are the following:

- name and business and home addresses;
- party affiliation, district number and counties represented, and number of terms;
- occupation and education;
- committee appointments;
- bills introduced; and
- individual votes on important bills in the 1981 session.

In addition to the effectiveness ratings, the publication includes the Five "Most Powerful" Senate and House Committees, and the Five "Most Influential" Lobbyists.

Copies of Article II are available from the Center for \$6.00 each.

"We think the survey is fair measure of a legislator's effectiveness in the General Assembly," said Ran Coble, Executive Director of the Center. "The people who did the ratings were the people who are best able to judge performance -- the legislators themselves, lobbyists, and capitol news correspondents. We also hope it provides information that will be useful to the public in advance of the statewide primaries on June 29."

The 1981-82 ratings mark the third time the Center has undertaken such an effort. The first edition in 1978 evaluated the performance of the 1977-78 General Assembly, and the second edition rated members in the 1979-80 General Assembly.

The Center's release noted that first-term legislators and Republicans usually have lower effectiveness rankings. First-termers usually are less experienced and have no committee chairmanships, while Republicans are in a minority in both houses.

The legislators with the lowest effectiveness ratings were both Republicans -- Sen. Cary Allred (R - Alamance) and Rep. Mary Pegg (R - Forsyth). Rep. Pegg has since resigned her seat.

The N.C. 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 the effect of federal budget cuts on North Carolina, out-of-field teaching, and the tobacco industry.

For more information, call Beth Briggs at (919) 832-2839.

EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY RESULTS: Senate

Compiled by N.C. Center for Public Policy Research

Overall Effectiveness Ranking	Legislators' Evaluation	Lobbyists' Evaluation	Capitol Correspondents' Evaluation	Overall Effectiveness Score
1. Royall (D, Durham)	91.9	96.4	94.6	94.3
2. Hardison (D, Lenoir)	86.5	92.0	87.9	88.8
3. Lawing (D, Mecklenburg)	79.6	85.3	85.7	83.5
4. Rauch (D, Gaston)	73.5	77.6	65.4	75.5
5. Jordan (D, Montgomery)	70.4	81.5	73.8	75.3
6. Harrington (D, Bertie)	66.9	80.4	76.9	74.7
7. Barnes (D, Wayne)	78.1	72.3	67.7	72.7
8. Garrison (D, Stanly)	64.6	75.8	75.4	71.9
9. Walker (D, Randolph)	58.5	68.7	70.0	65.7
10. Harris (D, Cleveland)	65.8	67.8	53.1	62.2
11. Mills (D, Onslow)	53.8	59.2	60.0	57.7
12. Swain (D, Buncombe)	60.8	55.8	55.4	57.3
13. Frye (D, Guilford)	48.4	58.8	61.5	56.2
14. Soles (D, Columbus)	63.5	58.6	45.4	55.8
15. Wynne (D, Wake)	49.6	61.5	55.4	55.5
16. Mathis (D, Mecklenburg)	49.2	59.2	52.9	53.8
17. Daniels (D, Pasquotank)	51.9	55.5	53.1	53.5
Duncan (D, Rockingham)	50.4	60.8	49.2	53.5
19. Allsbrook (D, Halifax)	58.5	49.0	49.2	52.2
20. White (D, Pitt)	51.9	53.7	49.2	51.6
21. Marvin (D, Gaston)	43.5	50.6	56.2	50.1
22. Johnson (D, Wake)	43.8	59.0	46.9	49.9
23. Jernigan (D, Cumberland)	48.1	58.8	40.0	49.0
24. Jenkins (D, Cabarrus)	47.3	52.9	45.7	48.6
25. Hancock (D, Durham)	49.6	54.1	40.0	47.9
Noble (D, Robeson)	46.2	47.6	50.0	47.9

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27.	Raynor (D, Cumberland)	45.4	49.4	47.7	47.5
28.	Ballenger (R, Catawba)	38.1	56.5	47.1	47.3
	Creech (D, Wake)	46.2	51.0	44.6	47.3
	Speed (D, Franklin)	46.5	56.2	39.2	47.3
31.	Alford (D, Nash)	44.2	52.5	42.3	46.3
32.	Ward (D, Forsyth)	48.8	51.3	35.8	45.3
33.	Kincaid (R, Caldwell)	42.3	50.6	41.5	44.8
34.	Thomas, J. (D, Craven)	49.2	45.2	38.5	44.3
35.	Gray (D, Guilford)	38.5	50.0	43.8	44.1
36.	Marion (D, Surry)	41.9	45.5	43.1	43.5
37.	McDuffie (D, Mecklenburg)	41.5	43.0	45.7	43.4
38.	Clarke (D, Buncombe)	41.9	43.7	43.8	43.2
39.	Redman (R, Iredell)	34.2	51.2	43.1	42.8
40.	Palmer (D, Haywood)	40.4	40.6	42.3	41.1
41.	Vickery (D, Orange)	46.2	37.7	39.2	41.0
42.	Thomas, R. (D, Henderson)	42.4	40.0	38.5	40.3
43.	Warren (D, Johnston)	43.1	37.3	29.2	36.5
44.	Smith (R, Rowan)	30.0	42.7	22.5	31.7
45.	Boger (R, Davie)	28.8	32.0	32.5	31.3
46.	Cockerham (R, Guilford)	30.0	38.1	22.3	30.1
47.	Wright (R, New Hanover)	31.5	31.6	23.1	28.7
48.	Cavanagh (R, Forsyth)	24.6	27.8	19.3	23.9
49.	Baker (R, Wilkes)	21.5	29.3	19.2	23.3
50.	Allred (R, Alamance)	22.0	26.5	15.4	21.3



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EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY RESULTS: House of Representatives

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<u>Overall Effectiveness Ranking</u>	<u>Legislators' Evaluation</u>	<u>Lobbyists' Evaluation</u>	<u>Capitol Correspondents' Evaluation</u>	<u>Overall Effectiveness Score</u>
1. Ramsey (D, Madison)	95.7	96.7	93.6	95.3
2. Watkins (D, Granville)	85.4	89.8	89.2	88.1
3. Adams (D, Wake)	83.2	80.2	90.0	84.5
4. Miller (D, Durham)	78.4	76.2	81.5	78.7
5. Morgan (D, Guilford)	69.9	77.5	70.8	72.7
6. Quinn (D, Cabarrus)	75.1	73.8	65.8	71.6
7. Barbee (D, Nash)	63.2	67.5	78.3	69.7
8. Lilley (D, Lenoir)	67.7	68.2	70.8	68.9
9. Helms (D, Mecklenburg)	67.8	70.0	67.1	68.3
10. Messer (D, Haywood)	75.8	64.3	63.8	68.0
11. Huskins (D, Iredell)	65.9	64.3	66.2	65.5
12. Hunt, Jr. (D, Cleveland)	74.1	57.3	63.3	64.9
13. Cook (D, Wake)	62.5	66.1	62.3	63.6
14. Bone (D, Nash)	64.9	63.2	62.3	63.5
15. Wright (D, Columbus)	72.0	61.7	56.2	63.3
16. Tison, B. (D, Mecklenburg)	63.8	70.4	55.0	63.1
17. Lancaster (D, Wayne)	72.3	63.1	49.2	61.7
18. Plyler (D, Union)	66.0	61.6	52.5	60.1
19. Hunt, P. (D, Orange)	63.6	59.4	54.6	59.2
20. Bumgardner (D, Gaston)	59.6	61.7	54.6	58.6
Pulley (D, Durham)	63.5	59.0	53.3	58.6
22. Bell (D, Gaston)	58.7	66.8	50.0	58.5
23. James (D, Pasquotank)	66.4	57.1	49.2	57.6
24. Tennille (D, Forsyth)	63.3	57.2	51.5	57.4
25. Church (D, Vance)	59.3	59.8	50.8	56.6

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26.	Hux (D, Halifax)	70.9	52.7	45.4	56.3
	Nye (D, Bladen)	57.1	56.3	55.4	56.3
28.	Holt, C. (D, Cumberland)	56.5	53.1	58.5	56.0
29.	Evans (D, Dare)	59.1	56.7	50.0	55.3
30.	Blue (D, Wake)	51.2	55.1	58.5	54.9
31.	Ellis (D, Vance)	61.9	60.8	37.5	53.4
32.	Barnes (D, Forsyth)	55.2	55.8	46.9	52.6
	Etheridge (D, Harnett)	58.4	53.9	45.4	52.6
	Seymour (D, Guilford)	50.0	57.0	50.8	52.6
35.	Rabon (D, Brunswick)	54.9	53.3	49.2	52.5
36.	Woodard (D, Wake)	54.9	52.0	50.0	52.3
37.	Foster (D, Mecklenburg)	63.2	50.0	42.1	51.8
38.	Bundy (D, Pitt)	54.7	48.2	52.3	51.7
39.	Diamont (D, Surry)	51.4	47.8	53.1	50.8
40.	Clark, D. (D, Duplin)	52.2	46.1	53.1	50.4
41.	Tally (D, Cumberland)	56.5	49.6	44.2	50.1
42.	Coble (R, Guilford)	44.1	52.9	53.1	50.0
43.	Musselwhite (D, Wake)	49.0	58.7	41.5	49.7
44.	Greenwood (D, Buncombe)	60.1	54.3	34.2	49.5
45.	Jones (D, Rutherford)	45.1	53.0	50.0	49.4
46.	Thomas (D, Cabarrus)	53.5	53.6	40.8	49.3
47.	Spaulding (D, Durham)	51.4	49.2	46.9	49.2
48.	Wicker (D, Lee)	50.0	49.6	47.5	49.0
49.	Brennan (D, Mecklenburg)	47.5	47.1	51.4	48.7
50.	Fulcher (D, Carteret)	53.3	46.7	45.4	48.5

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51. Holt, B. (D, Alamance)	49.6	49.8	45.4	48.3
52. Barker (D, Craven)	49.7	50.2	40.8	46.9
53. Clark, W. (D, Cumberland)	44.8	47.2	48.3	46.8
54. Edwards (D, Guilford)	48.4	51.7	39.2	46.4
55. Taylor (D, Bladen)	49.1	47.0	40.8	45.6
56. Hunter, R. (D, McDowell)	52.5	49.8	34.2	45.5
57. Brubaker (R, Randolph)	41.0	51.0	43.8	45.3
Kaplan (D, Forsyth)	45.1	47.8	43.1	45.3
59. Parnell (D, Robeson)	53.5	44.3	37.7	45.2
60. Hackney (D, Orange)	53.0	47.2	34.6	44.9
61. Enloe (D, Macon)	52.2	44.9	35.8	44.3
62. McDowell (D, Alamance)	46.1	40.2	45.8	44.1
63. Hunter, T. (D, Richmond)	48.6	49.4	33.3	43.8
64. Mavretic (D, Edgecombe)	42.5	43.3	44.6	43.5
65. Nesbitt (D, Buncombe)	49.6	39.8	40.0	43.1
66. Colton (D, Buncombe)	42.3	44.6	41.5	42.8
67. Ethridge (D, Onslow)	45.9	40.0	40.8	42.2
68. Nash (D, Rowan)	44.9	45.7	34.2	41.6
69. Beard (D, Cumberland)	43.5	46.9	33.3	41.2
Payne (D, New Hanover)	45.6	37.2	40.8	41.2
71. Easterling (D, Mecklenburg)	44.0	41.0	36.4	40.5
72. Black (D, Mecklenburg)	39.7	44.0	35.4	39.7
73. Hightower (D, Anson)	49.3	37.3	32.3	39.6
74. Grady (D, Wayne)	44.1	41.5	31.7	39.1
75. Fenner (D, Wilson)	43.3	38.7	35.0	39.0

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76.	Guy (D, Onslow)	43.2	49.8	23.3	38.8
77.	Fussell (D, Wake)	43.8	38.8	33.3	38.6
78.	Hayden (D, Alleghany)	42.8	38.6	33.3	38.2
79.	Spoon (R, Mecklenburg)	34.6	43.3	36.2	38.0
80.	Chapin (D, Beaufort)	35.4	39.6	38.5	37.8
	Tyson, H. (D, Cumberland)	44.5	39.8	29.2	37.8
82.	McAlister (D, Rockingham)	41.9	43.8	25.8	37.2
	Smith (D, Forsyth)	43.9	39.3	28.3	37.2
84.	Jordan (D, Alamance)	36.6	41.4	32.3	36.8
	Locklear (D, Robeson)	38.8	36.0	35.4	36.8
86.	Economos (D, Mecklenburg)	40.0	40.2	29.3	36.5
87.	Lutz (D, Cleveland)	43.0	36.2	29.2	36.1
88.	Keesee-Forrester (R, Guilford)	31.4	40.2	36.2	35.9
89.	Rhodes, T. (R, New Hanover)	33.3	39.5	34.2	35.7
90.	Haworth (D, Guilford)	40.9	38.7	25.0	34.9
	Warren (D, Pitt)	39.7	37.4	27.5	34.9
92.	Holmes (R, Yadkin)	30.9	43.0	30.0	34.6
93.	Beam (D, Gaston)	38.0	37.2	27.7	34.3
94.	Gillam (D, Bertie)	37.0	37.2	25.8	33.3
95.	Cochrane (R, Davie)	28.4	32.9	36.9	32.7
96.	Mauney (D, Gaston)	34.3	36.3	26.7	32.4
97.	Anderson (D, Craven)	34.2	34.1	25.0	31.1
	Crawford (D, Buncombe)	33.9	33.9	25.5	31.1
99.	Hiatt (R, Surry)	27.8	33.6	30.0	30.5
100.	Gay (D, Robeson)	35.1	28.6	25.0	29.6

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101. Robinson (R, Caldwell)	31.3	32.0	24.2	29.2
102. Brannan (D, Johnston)	31.5	30.7	24.5	28.9
103. Redding (R, Randolph)	29.1	34.3	22.5	28.7
104. Radford (D, Johnston)	33.1	28.8	22.5	28.1
105. Lacey (R, Avery)	26.5	33.1	24.2	27.9
106. Hughes, C. (R, Henderson)	25.5	32.4	25.4	27.8
107. Burnley (R, Guilford)	25.2	27.9	30.0	27.7
108. Craven (R, Moore)	24.3	31.2	26.7	27.4
109. Harrison (D, Martin)	29.3	28.4	23.3	27.0
110. Brown (R, Wilkes)	27.4	30.2	20.0	25.9
111. Poovey (R, Catawba)	24.8	31.5	18.3	24.9
112. Hege (R, Davidson)	23.5	30.9	19.2	24.5
113. Hughes, J. (R, Avery)	24.1	29.3	19.2	24.2
114. Brawley (R, Iredell)	20.3	28.1	20.0	22.8
115. Creecy (D, Northampton)	22.9	21.1	20.8	21.6
116. Stamey (R, Davidson)	20.7	25.8	16.7	21.1
117. Allran (R, Catawba)	19.4	24.2	18.5	20.7
118. Almond (R, Stanly)	21.0	21.7	18.5	20.4
119. Ligon (R, Rowan)	20.3	24.1	15.4	19.9
120. Pegg (R, Forsyth)	18.6	21.7	15.4	18.6



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