



FROM THE CENTER OUT

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COMING SOON

Insight looks at Economic Development Policies -- The next issue of North Carolina Insight magazine is at the printer and should be in the mail to you in early April. The issue's theme focuses on the fundamental transitions in North Carolina's economy. This issue highlights the Center's original research on whether plant expansions and new jobs announced by the state actually materialize. The issue also contains close-up looks at four major economic development strategies -- industrial recruitment, fostering small businesses, international trade, and high technology.

Because of the value of this kind of comprehensive examination of all of state government's economic development efforts, we have already received 566 advance orders of the issue. Call Marianne Kersey at (919) 832-2839 now if you want to order extra copies.

Rankings of the Effectiveness of N.C. Legislators -- As many of you know, the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research has compiled and published rankings of the effectiveness of all 170 legislators in the N.C. General Assembly since 1978. At the end of the regular legislative session in odd-numbered years, we ask the legislators themselves, registered lobbyists, and capital correspondents to rank each legislator in terms of his or her effectiveness during the past session. This ranking system is neutral in the sense that a legislator can be an effective conservative or an effective liberal. The new rankings on members of the 1985 General Assembly will be released publicly in a few weeks.

The Center conducts this project to carry out its goals of enhancing the accountability of the legislature to the public and getting more information to the voters about their elected officials.

Special Provisions in Budget Bills -- Special provisions are little known clauses legislators add to budget bills in the final weeks of the legislative session. They are used not to appropriate funds to state agencies, but instead to amend other state laws. These special provisions usually do not receive the same legislative scrutiny and debate because they are hidden in lengthy budget bills and because legislators are hesitant to break up the budget consensus in the final days of the session when everyone wants to go home.

The Center has researched the 15-year history of the legislature's increased use of special provisions. Our findings and recommendations will be contained in a special short report scheduled for release in April.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO COMMENTED ON THE DRAFT RESEARCH AGENDA FOR THE CENTER

We really appreciated hearing from members who had suggestions for research projects for the Center. We also appreciated the suggestions for what the priorities should be among the projects that were listed in the draft plan. We'll let you know what the Board of Directors decides at its quarterly meeting.

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS BY FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS

The Center is pleased to welcome seven new corporations to the 77 companies which now contribute to our efforts. These include the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of North Carolina (\$500), Barclays American/Foundation (\$150), Coastal Lumber Company, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Hanes Hosiery Inc., Troxler Electronics Laboratories Inc., and Great Southern Finance (each at \$100).

The George Smedes Poyner Foundation in Raleigh also made a contribution to assist in the distribution of the special issue of North Carolina Insight on state policies affecting the elderly. We are now completely sold out of that issue.

In addition, we send special thanks to George Watts Hill for becoming an individual donor.

We are also very pleased that seven corporations chose to renew their support for the Center. NCNB Corporation, AT&T Technologies, and Unifi, Inc. led the way by increasing their contributions to \$1000 each. Branch Banking & Trust Company (\$500) also renewed, as did Ciba-Geigy Corporation (\$250), General Electric (\$100), and Weyerhaeuser Company (\$100). Our thanks to Center Board Members Tom Barringer, Keith Crisco, Mary Hopper, Hawk Johnson, Betty Ann Knudsen, Isaac Miller, Betty Chafin Rash, Grace Rohrer, McNeill Smith, and Bob Spearman for assisting with these gifts.

A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

January

Don Brady
H. James Goldstein
Greater Charlotte Chamber
of Commerce
N.C. Council on the
Status of Women
N.C. Legal Services Resource
Center
UNC-CH Law Library
Judge Charles Winberry

February

American Diabetes Assoc.
Catawba County Manager's
Office
Center for Women's
Economic Alternatives
College of the Albemarle
George Esser
John & Ann Sternlicht
Carolyn Stuart
UNC-General Administration
Library
Z. Smith Reynolds Library
(Wake Forest University)

March

Layne Baker
Durham City Manager's Office
NRCD Div. of Economic
Opportunity
Richmond Technical College
Harry J. Shane
Martha Walston

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A FULL-SERVICE MEMBERSHIP?

A few of our members have suggested that we offer what they called a "full-service membership." With this would come not only our regular offerings to members -- 4 issues of Insight, 6-8 newsletters, and an invitation to the Center's annual policy symposium -- but also copies of all Center research reports. Last year, for example, such a "full-service membership" would have filled up your mailbox with copies of 4 of our reports on Boards, Commissions, and Councils in the Executive Branch of N.C. State Government, Assessing the Administrative Procedure Act, Grantseeking in North Carolina, and Article II: A Guide to the N.C. Legislature.

At present, members are notified in the newsletter about soon-to-be published book-length reports (for example, see page 1), but must purchase them separately. The charge for a full-service membership would be approximately \$100. We'd really appreciate it if you'd let us know what you think of this idea. Drop a note to Full-Service Membership, North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, P. O. Box 430, Raleigh, NC 27602 or call Liz Fentress at (919) 832-2839 with your opinion. We're all ears.

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION STUDIES ARE AUTHORIZED

The following is a list of 45 topics which the 1985 General Assembly authorized Legislative Research Commissions to study. The study groups will report to the 1986 short session in June or to the next regular session in 1987.

Adolescent Sexuality Teaching
Aging
Bail Bondsmen and Bail Bond Forfeiture
Child Abuse Testimony; Child Protection¹
Child Support
Commercial Laboratory Water Testing²
Community College System
Community Service Alternative
Punishment and Restitution Program

County Commissioner's Authority
over Local Boards
Day Care Rate System²
Haw River and Jordan Reservoir
Water Quality
High Level Radioactive Waste
Disposal
Home Schooling Programs²
Inmate Substance Abuse Therapy
Program

Inmate Work Release Centers¹
 Interest Rate Regulation
 Itinerant Merchants
 Legislative Ethics & Lobbying
 Life Care Arrangements
 Local Government Financing
 Long-Term Health Care Insurance
 Manufactured Housing Zoning
 Medical Malpractice & Liability³
 Mental Patients Commitments
 Municipal Incorporations
 Outdoor Advertising
 Perishable Food Marketing⁴
 Premium Tax Rate on Insurance Companies
 Pretrial Release¹
 Preventive Medicine
 Rental Referral Agencies
 Revenue Laws
 Satellite Courts⁵

School Discipline
 School Finance Act
 State Employee Salaries and Benefits²
 State Infrastructure Needs
 State Investments with South African
 Investors
 State Personnel System
 Stun Guns
 Substantive Legislation in Appropriations
 Bills
 Supt. of Public Instruction and State Board
 of Education Duties
 Transportation Problems at Public
 Facilities⁶
 Underground Storage Tanks and Underground
 Hazards
 Water Pollution¹

Special study commissions will conduct 23 additional studies:

Agriculture, Forestry, & Seafood Awareness	Juvenile Law
Andrew Jackson Historic Memorial	Liability & Property Insurance Markets
Cafeteria-Style Benefits for State Employees	Medical Malpractice
Chowan River	Mental Health
Department of Transportation	Property Tax System
Enterprise Zones-Venture Capital	Public School Calendar
Housing Trust Fund	Railroad Negotiating
Indigent Health Care	Simplified Business Licensing
Insurance Regulation	State Controller
Jobs and Economic Growth	State Government Complex
Judicial Centers	State-Owned Property
	State Parks & Recreation Areas

Nineteen other studies were assigned to state agencies or to the Office of the Governor, for a grand total of 87 interim studies.

Footnotes

- ¹Consolidated with another study.
- ²Study authorized but not undertaken by LRC.
- ³Referred to special Medical Malpractice Study Commission below.
- ⁴Referred to the Commission on Agriculture, Forestry, and Seafood Awareness below.
- ⁵Referred to Courts Commission.
- ⁶Referred to special study commission on Dept. of Transportation.

PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

In 1983, the North Carolina Center published a report on Teacher Certification: Out-of-Field Teaching in Grades 7-12 in North Carolina. A follow-up study on out-of-field teaching in mathematics has been done by Robert T. Williams, Jerome Cordts, and Catherine Williams at N.C. State University's School of Education. They report that the policy changes enacted by the State Board of Education in response to the Center's study to restrict out-of-field teaching have had a positive effect. Out-of-field teaching in mathematics has been reduced from 45% in 1979-80 to 11% in 1984-85. The number of out-of-field teachers in mathematics has been reduced from 2123 to 442. Copies of "An Update of Out-of-Field Teaching in North Carolina" are available from Williams at the School of Education, N.C. State University, Box 7801, Raleigh, NC 27695-7801.

The Third Century Project, funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, was established to re-examine the strategic decisions facing postsecondary education in North Carolina. The Third Century Project invited a distinguished panel of leaders in the state to the Aqueduct Conference Center in June 1985 to consider what North Carolinians should expect of postsecondary education. It has issued a report on these proceedings entitled Tomorrow's Expectations: Challenges for Today/Setting Priorities for Postsecondary Education in North Carolina. Written and edited by George H. Esser and Dennis M. Bartles, the publication is available from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, 101 Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

The latest Facilities Inventory And Utilization Study has been issued by the State Commission on Higher Education Facilities, UNC-General Administration, 910 Raleigh Road, P. O. Box 2688, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27515-2688.

The Office of State Personnel's Equal Opportunity Services Division has compiled a report on The Employment of Handicapped Persons in N.C. State Government. The findings indicate that as of August 31, 1985, 4.2% of the employees in state agencies in the executive branch were handicapped. This level of representation is lower than the percentage of workers with disabilities (5.4%) in the North Carolina civilian labor force. The Employment Security Commission was the leading employer of persons with disabilities, while N.C. Memorial Hospital and the Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety were seriously under-represented with less than one percent handicapped employees. This report provides a good follow-up to our research in Volume 6, No. 2-3 of North Carolina Insight on state services to disabled persons. The report is available from the Office of State Personnel, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, (919) 733-7108.

TRANSITIONS IN STATE GOVERNMENT

Alan Briggs will serve as Deputy Attorney General for Policy and Planning. He was formerly executive vice president and general counsel of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers.... Former NCAE executive secretary John Dornan resigned to become the executive vice president of a new group called the North Carolina Public School Forum. The Forum is a coalition of business, political, and educational leaders in North Carolina that will make recommendations on how to improve the state's public schools. Dornan will head up a five-member staff as the Forum begins its activities with a \$75,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem. The Forum is headquartered at 117 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27603. Replacing Dornan is K. Z. Chavis, associate director of NCAE since 1983.... Center Board member Gerry Hancock has been elected chairman of the Forum's Board.... Don Follmer of Moore County has become director of public affairs at the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, replacing Roy Cardin.... Earl R. MacCormac, a Davidson College professor, will be the new science adviser to Gov. Martin. MacCormac will also serve as executive director of the N.C. Board of Science and Technology.

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