

Washington Report: Vital Programs In Need

By Congressman Walter B. Jones

Last week Congress was asked by the Reagan administration to provide supplemental appropriations to bail out two very vital federal programs.

In the first instance, the House voted to provide five billion dollars in additional funds to the Commodity Credit Corporation. This sum was to cover losses incurred by the Corporation during FY 1981 and the first quarter of FY 1982. President Reagan had requested this increase so that the Corporation's programs would continue their operations as required by law. These losses were caused by a decline in the economy, as well as extremely high interest rates, from which all segments of our economy are suffering.

The House also passed two emergency supplemental appropriation bills. The first was an additional 1.95-billion dollars for the unemployment compensation program. This was due to unemployment reaching between nine and ten million as of last week and Employment Security Offices were overrun with applicants. This was due to both the original reduction in the budget for this department for FY 1982, as well as the high unemployment; and a few weeks ago they were forced to close many offices as well as reduce the number of employees who normally provide services for the unemployed. The extra 1.95-billion was voted for the trust fund to maintain the services throughout the nation. In North Carolina

alone, it had been recently announced that 48 of the Employment Security Offices would have to be closed due to the federal budget cuts for this program. This emergency appropriation will permanently continue for the time being these offices. In addition to the 1.95-billion which was provided, the bill also included 343.5-million to cover the administrative costs of state employment security agencies. This should, at least for the time being, continue the operation of the 48 offices which had been threatened with closing in the State of North Carolina alone. On the subject of unemployment, there are now approximately ten million Americans or 8.9 per cent of the population unemployed. This is up from 7.4 per cent unemployment when the present administration took office in 1981. Another unpleasant fact is that farm workers' unemployment is up over 55 per cent over the past year. There are other disturbing figures concerning unemployment, but these will be addressed later.

In other House action, an emergency supplemental appropriation in the amount of 123 million was approved to provide additional sums for the low income energy assistance program. This program had come under some severe criticism as many patients in nursing homes, as well as student living in dormitories, had received the supplemental energy checks while living in a centrally heated unit. The legislation was amended to prevent this

from happening in the future. The justification for this additional appropriation was due to the fact that so far this winter throughout the nation, it has been considerably the worst winter since 1900.

In Search Of New Talent

"Horn In The West," the nation's third oldest continually operating outdoor drama, is holding auditions in search of new talent. The auditions are to be held at Watauga High School in Boone, on Saturday according to artistic director, Edward L. Pilkington.

Prospective actors are advised to prepare a one minute audition piece. Expression, poise and voice projection are among the qualities to be judged.

Singers should prepare an audition piece, preferably of choral quality. Piano accompaniment will be provided.

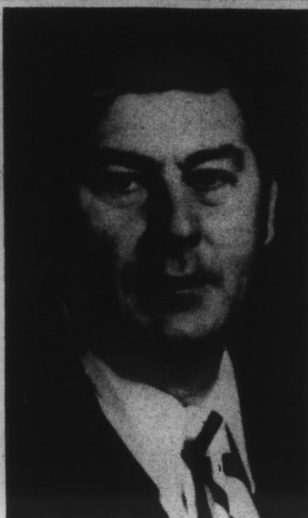
Those interested in technical positions with the drama should bring their resumes.

Dancers are advised to call the Horn office at 704-264-2120 for audition information as plans are incomplete as of this writing. Playwright Kermit Hunter re-wrote the Horn script in 1981, greatly increasing the continuity according to General Manager William R. Winkler, III.

"The script is now chronologically correct, historically speaking," said Winkler, "and by strengthening the roles of Dr. Stuart and his son, Jack Stuart, the story-line is much easier to follow."

The auditions are scheduled to begin with registration at 9 A.M. at the high school. In the event that weather should force the school system to be in operation on that Saturday, the auditions will be moved to the Powderhorn Theatre on the Horn grounds.

More information concerning the auditions can be obtained by telephoning the Horn staff at the above number, or by writing HORN IN THE WEST, P.O. Box 295, Boone, N.C. 28607.



Dr. Bruce Robert Poulton
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Elected Chancellor

CHAPEL HILL — Dr. Bruce Robert Poulton, 54, chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire and an animal nutritionist and endocrinologist, was elected chancellor of N. C. State University Friday by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina.

His election followed a recommendation to the board by UNC President William C. Friday.

As the first chancellor of the six-year-old New Hampshire University System, Poulton broadened the system's curriculums, built an extensive outreach program in adult education and accomplished significant increases both in student population and system support.

He will take office July 1 as the 10th chief executive officer of North Carolina State University, succeeding former Chancellor Joab L. Thomas who resigned to assume the presidency of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and return to his native state.

A native of Yonkers, N.Y. and a Rutgers University alumnus, Poulton was selected as the top choice for the N. C. State University chancellorship from more than 200 persons who were nominated or applied for the position. He was selected by a Chancellor Search Committee led by George M. Wood of Camden, chairman of the NCSU Board of Trustees. The trustees recommended his appointment to President Friday.

Friday said, "I am delighted Dr. Poulton will be joining us on July 1. He and Mrs. Poulton are delightful people who I'm sure will provide the kind and quality of leadership for North Carolina State University that all of us desire. We welcome them warmly."

Wood added, "We're all enthusiastic at the prospect of his leadership. We know he has the ability to propel this institution forward, as far as we want to go."

NCSU Acting Chancellor Nash N. Winstead stated, "The N.C. State faculty and administration is looking forward to Dr. Poulton's coming here. We're all ready to work with him and assist him in every way."

Search Committee members commented on Poulton's ability to work with different personalities and to meld factions into a cohesive team — a talent which he demonstrated in the newly united system in New Hampshire. Committee members also said they were impressed with Poulton's ability to work within the political structure garnering support for his young system and bringing about changes to meet the state's educational needs.

A faculty member of the Search Committee said that Poulton had demonstrated his support of good teaching, research and extension at New Hampshire and his previous institution, the University of Maine, thereby fulfilling an important role in land-grant philosophy.

Poulton will be the third scientist to head N.C. State. The first was Dr. Carey Bostian, chancellor from 1953 to 1959, who is a geneticist; the second was Dr. Joab L. Thomas, chancellor from 1976 to 1981, who is a botanist. Poulton will be the fourth chief executive who hails from out of state.

Prices Has Caused A Reduction In Fuel Demand

The trend of higher fuel oil and gasoline prices has made a drastic change according to most oil industry experts. The North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association headquartered in Raleigh, N. C. cites the fact there appears to be a leveling off of petroleum prices, and in many instances actual declines, in recent weeks. The public is benefiting from an apparent oversupply of crude, residual and refined products across the nation.

"It's a simple matter of supply and demand," says Buck Hardin of Greensboro, N. C., President of the Association. "While the refineries have cut back to record low producing capacities, there is still more product in storage and production than the public is consuming. This causes many competitors at levels of the petroleum industry, especially marketing, to reduce prices in an effort to dispose of products."

"While we don't know all circumstances causing less demand, there are many apparent clues or indicators," Hardin added. "The economic conditions with unemployment no doubt have a big bearing; people out of work just don't drive as much — and the greater use of compact cars and other new vehicles with

greater gas mileage has had a tremendous impact on consumption."

The Association does not attempt to predict the future trends but it is quick to point out that the competing fuels in respect to heating seem to be escalating at a time when petroleum product price increases have moderated. In addition to increases by natural gas utilities, some electric utilities have also announced price adjustments. Carolina Power & Light has announced an increase this week to reflect higher fuel acquisition costs; Rogers Clark, Clinton, N. C. Vice President Fuel Oil of the Association, stresses that such increases are not based on petroleum but rather coal which is the primary fuel utilized by the utilities in North Carolina. If the rate hike is permitted, CP&L's customer's rates then will exceed Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) as highest average residential rates in North Carolina. In past years, VEPCO residential customers experienced significantly higher bills than customers of CP&L or Duke Power Company. The CP&L rate increase request follows closely a rate hike of 13.09 per cent approved December 15, 1981. Duke Power Company also has a rate request hike awaiting

Utilities Commission action. Clark also points out that the Natural Gas Policy Act, which permits significant price increases in industrial and residential natural gas until partial deregulation in 1985, has kept natural gas at an artificially low offering according to the Btu value and true cost of such product. But the gap is narrowing according to the oil association, a petroleum trade group representing approximately 650 oil wholesalers. "As the price differential between the fuels narrows so does the incentive to convert to gas. We have said all along that the consumer who converts from oil to gas based solely on the acquisition cost of the two fuels is practicing false economics. That consumer would be dollars ahead had he spent a fraction of the cost of conversion on modernizing or retrofitting his oil furnace with oil economizing equipment. Our Association has a program that encourages such equipment retrofits that can cut oil costs from 10 per cent to 25 per cent throughout such devices as smaller nozzles, flame retention burners, clock thermostats, and automatic stact dampers," Clark added.

The Association points out that many homeowners have found it much more economical to upgrade their heating system, add insulation and other fuel reducing items such as storm windows, etc. rather than going to the expense of converting — when there is uncertainty in future fuel costs but the trend points more and more favorable to fuel oil in the long run.

Winn-Dixie Report Sales

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. reported sales of \$514,424,000 during the four weeks ended February 3, 1982, compared with \$491,515,000 for the similar period last year, an increase of 4.7 per cent.

For the 32 weeks ended February 3, 1982, the total was \$3,990,202,000 compared with \$3,749,349,000 a year ago, an increase of 6.4 per cent.

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