

# Editorial and Opinion Page

## Letters to the Editor Citizens Respond to Rep. Ron Sutton's Letter

To the Editor  
This is in reference to Rep. Ron Sutton's letter in the October 3rd, 1996 issue of the Carolina Indian Voice.

First of all, Ronnie Sutton, I believe it is a disgrace for you to represent the citizens of the 85th district and refer to some citizens of Robeson County as "sidekicks." You were elected to represent all citizens of Robeson County. Do you agree? Or do you represent special interest groups? It seems to us that you are in the back pocket of several people. We haven't heard a thing from you. You were so quiet we thought you had vanished from the scene. What's wrong? Were you sleeping on the job? Have you done anything for the people in your district? The only thing we hear from you is your criticizing Rep. Frances Cummings. We know for a fact that people from your district have called on Rep. Cummings for help with their problems. And she has helped.

Rep. Sutton, you know for yourself that the Democratic Party has always taken the people of Robeson County for granted, especially the Indian people. The Democratic Party in Raleigh knows how the Indian people are going to vote before the election. This should stop. People should vote for the person instead of the party. When you vote a straight ticket, you will surely vote for a crook. In your recent letter of October

3rd, you stated in the third paragraph that you were not attacking Frances Cummings personally, but you were. You better start worrying about what will happen in this election instead of attacking our representative for all the people-Frances Cummings. If you would spend more time trying to do something for your people and spend less time criticizing Frances for doing something, you would be better off.

Rep. Sutton, did you know that Robeson County is the poorest county in the state? Why? Because they have always voted a Democratic ticket. I do hope this will change. Aren't you tired of being on the bottom? I am. We are.

Rep. Sutton, we want you to know that Rep. Frances Cummings is a Republican and a Democrat. She represents all the people and you should too! It seems to us that you don't. It seems you do not represent Republicans. This is a disgrace. We want you to know McKeithan Jones and Alfred Dial are Republicans and Democrats. They help all people when they can and you should too.

In closing, let the record stand for itself. Frances Cummings is and has always been the most effective state representative we have ever had. Check your heart, not your lips!

Sincerely,  
Alfred Dial  
McKeithan Jones

## Reader: Its Time to "Trash" the Political Machine in Robeson

To the Editor  
For over a hundred years citizens of Robeson County have been in "political bondage." The Native Americans and African Americans have been treated like "second class citizens." The poor, elderly, handicapped and illiterate (those who cannot read) are truly victims of the "political machine." Slowly and surely the "second class citizens" are waking up and smelling the coffee! Thank God! for the "educated generation."

For those of us who know and understand what I am writing about...this election day don't allow your relatives to be taken to the polls by "paid political drivers." These drivers make over \$100 a day for driving and influencing their passengers to vote according to the yellow sheets they hand out in their cars.

We notice that politicians put on one face to get elected and then change "like the three faces of Eve." These politicians around here are typical of this: They say a lot of things and make a lot of promises. They also do a lot of "sucking up." I've never known a politician to keep the actual worded promise he/she has made. Some poli-

icians are untouchable and have spokes persons who speak for them. We indeed sometimes wonder who is the puppet master.

Robeson has long been declared a Democratic County. If folks would think long and hard they would not vote the straight Democratic ticket. If they want to continue to be in bondage and keep Robeson the 99th poorest county in the entire state, they would vote Democrat!

Change cannot hurt Robeson County. The county has already been hurt, used and abused. It is so bad that there is "no hope," according to our children. Many Robeson high school graduates cannot "wait to leave Robeson." They cannot follow their dreams or "reach for the stars" in Robeson, so they go where they can! Many success stories such as the Lucas family of Pembroke are only an example of the aforementioned statement.

Let us vote for the future and leave the past behind November 5th. Vote for what is best for YOUR children and grandchildren. The bondage of the political machine of Robeson County needs to end!

Vinita Clark

## Bob Dole Keeps his Word

Dear Editor  
During part of the 1992 Tuesday night Republican Convention, my brother at his home in Des Arc, Arkansas, said "That Clinton never had told the truth before, why should they believe him now?"

You're right, Bob Dole is no Slick Willy, he keeps his word. Bob Dole has spent his whole life being truthful. Be sure "That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared" (Job 34:30).

Sincerely,  
Isaac Colvin  
Harrodsburg, KY

## Helms Receives 0 on Environmental Issues in 1995

Dear Editor  
The dictionary defines conservative as a person who dislikes sudden changes and who avoids extremes. Senator Helms has been working overtime to roll-back twenty-five years of environmental protection.

Conservatism and conservation go together like a horse and carriage, yet the 104th Congress has allowed Big Business to write laws which erode our natural resources. Conservatives preach family values, though what will be left for our children with Big Business in control of our public lands, environmental protection, and food and drugs?

The League of Conservation Voters composed of experts from twenty-seven mainstream environmental groups, created a scorecard in which Senator Helms received a zero in 1995 for his voting record on environmental issues.

A true Conservative will conserve our waters, air, consumer protection rights, and our public lands for future generations.

Sincerely,  
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