

Martin favors gradual textile tax credit elimination

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Republican Gov. Jim Martin listed several changes he would like to see in President Reagan's tax reform plan last week, particularly in the area of textiles. But he supports the president's plan overall, said Tim Pittman, Martin's press secretary.

Martin has proposed phasing out in 10 years the tax credit on investments in textile equipment, but Reagan wants it eliminated by next year.

The tax credit is essential to a hurting textile industry trying to compete with foreign imports, said Bryant Haskins, manager of media relations at Burlington Industries.

In an effort to compete with cheaper imports, the textile industry has undergone a modernization effort during the last decade, Haskins said. If the tax credit on investments was eliminated, the amount spent on more efficient equipment would decrease.

"The tax structure in other countries is more favorable toward their textile industries," he said. "It is important for us to be able to compete with countries like Japan who import so cheaply. The tax credit is one tool we have, and if we lose it, it will hurt us."

Dennis Julian, director of governmental relations with the N.C. Textile Manufacturer's Association, said Martin's proposal to phase out the credit in 10 years is "more reasonable" because it would give the industry time to prepare for the loss.

"You don't modernize in 10 years and then stop," he said. "It's an ongoing process. Machinery is constantly being made more efficient, new methods being developed. If the tax credits are continued, they will continue to help us. If they are eliminated — well, some people say it could be devastating."

Pittman said Martin agreed with almost all of the president's tax reform plan, except for the textile issue

and several other less critical issues.

Martin, against the president's intentions, wants to retain tax deductions for families in which both husbands and wives work outside the home. In North Carolina, 49 percent of all families have both spouses working compared to 41 percent nationwide. Martin also wants to continue tax exemption of state and local bonds used for construction of non-profit educational facilities, low-cost housing and student loans.

"Martin has essentially agreed with the president's plan except for textiles, which are so important to North Carolina," Pittman said. "He will continue to support the president but encourage his own modifications every step of the way."

Scott Wilson, a textile-issues spokesman for Sen. Jesse Helms, R.-N.C., said that he regularly spoke with textile representatives but that none of them had expressed concern over the issue.

Hunt, East yet to announce plans for '86 campaigns

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Sen. John East, R.-N.C., and former Gov. Jim Hunt have yet to decide whether they will campaign for the Senate in 1986 despite speculation from political observers, as both still are considering their options.

East supporters say they believe that the incumbent senator's name will be on the ballot Election Day.

"We take the formation of the exploratory committee as a positive

indication that he will run," said Palmer Sugg, press secretary for the East for Senate organization.

Hunt supporters contacted at the N.C. Democratic Headquarters, said they had no idea what the former governor would do. Hunt's law office in Raleigh declined comment on his status.

"I don't know what he is going to do," said Anne Hubbard, press secretary for the N.C. Democrats. "He is consulting with many people about the

choice."

Thad Beyle, political science professor, said he believed that Hunt would run again for the Senate.

"If I had to bet, I say he would run," Beyle said.

He also said the amount of political damage from last year's loss to Sen. Jesse Helms would affect Hunt's decision. "Last year's race might have hurt Hunt's image in the public eye," he said.

It had been reported that Hunt would make a decision by summer's end, but Hubbard hinted that it could be later, saying it might be an "Indian summer." East has not announced a date for revealing his decision.

East's health has caused some people to speculate that the senator will not seek a second term. He has been in the hospital twice in the past year, but Sugg said East's health had improved and had allowed him to return to full-time work.

If East does not run, a battle could develop for the Republican nomination between moderate U.S. Rep. James Broyhill and Congressional Club Chairman Tom Ellis, a conservative.

Names mentioned as possible candidates if Hunt declines to run are former Gov. Terry Sanford, U.S. Rep. Charlie Rose and UNC President William Friday.

Rape escort starts service early

The Rape and Assault Prevention Escort service began Wednesday night — instead of the scheduled Sept. 10 opening — in response to an increased need for better security conditions on campus, said David Spano, area director for Olde Campus.

"We're opening early mainly because of the kidnapping and because of the security conditions on campus in general," Spano said. "Some areas of the campus are very dark and present some danger."

"It had been reported that we would not begin operation until Sept. 10, but

people who call, we will find them escorts," he said. "It's kind of a makeshift operation right now. They may have to wait, but we will try to find them an escort."

The service will be available from 7:15 p.m. until 1 a.m. every night. Students who want an escort to walk with them on campus should call 933-7602.

Students interested in becoming escorts must be on-campus residents and should contact their area director or their resident advisor, who will give their names to the escort service.

— GRANT PARSONS

U.S. ends Sgt. York program

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger ended purchases of the Sgt. York anti-aircraft Tuesday because its performance did not justify its cost, he said. The Defense Department had not halted a major weapon program since the 1960s.

The gun has cost the Pentagon \$1.8 billion since 1978. Some of the \$3 billion saved by the halting of the program will be used to find another way to protect tank and infantry troops from enemy aircraft.

S. African activist seized

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — An anti-apartheid activist leader was seized by plainclothes officers in the area of Cape Town Tuesday.

The Rev. Allan Boesak, who was to lead a protest march Wednesday to demand the release of jailed black

news in brief

nationalist Nelson Mandela, was told he was being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. The section is a key part of the nation's police laws.

Poverty rate down

WASHINGTON — The national poverty rate is down nine-tenths of a percentage point, the largest decrease in 10 years. The rate is now 14.4 percent, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

There are now 1.8 million fewer poor people in the United States, in a decline from 35.5 million in 1983 to 33.7 million in 1984. The bureau said poverty rates for blacks, for families headed by women, and for the elderly all decreased.

Campus Calendar	
Thursday	
2 p.m.	UNC Field Hockey Club is having an organizational meeting in 210 Union. No plying experience needed.
3:30 p.m.	The Undergraduate Geographers Association will have its first meeting of the semester in the 3rd floor Saunders lounge. Career Planning and Placement will hold an Orientation/Resume workshop in 209 Hanes.
5:30 p.m.	Campus Christian Fellowship will have a cookout and volleyball at the CCF house, 204 Glenburnie St. Call for rides, 942-8952.
7 p.m.	The UNC Outing Club will meet in 208-209 Union. Everyone is welcome.
7:30 p.m.	Chimera, the UNC science fiction and fantasy club, will hold its first meeting, 224 Union. Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament will hold its first meeting of the year, Campus Y lounge.
Friday	
Noon	The Campus Y will hold an International Summer Experiences bag lunch, Campus Y lounge. Come share your adventures.
Items of Interest	
NCMH Volunteers Sign-up: New and returning volunteers, Aug. 26-30, Volunteer Services Office at NCMH. Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association Membership Drive, all week in the Pit. Toronto Exchange, a one week cultural exchange with the University of Toronto, applications available at Union Desk. Interviews all this week. For more information call Rob Wood, 929-3810. SCAU offers information for people applying for in-state residency, Suite B, Carolina Union.	

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