

Broyhill a possibility to head SEC

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Sen. Jim Broyhill's name may be among those considered for the next chairmanship of the Securities and Exchange Commission, according to Brent Kincaid, Broyhill's political aide.

Broyhill, who had been vacationing with his family in Disney World after the Senate election and just returned, has not been officially approached about the position, Kincaid said.

He said Broyhill "was aware that

his name was rumored to be considered" for the position and mentioned it to Kincaid in casual conversation soon after the Senate election.

SEC and White House officials approached about the rumor did not confirm that Broyhill had been contacted about the position.

SEC officials also said that the present chairman, John Shad, had not indicated that he was leaving his post.

However, the Raleigh News and Observer reported Tuesday that

President Reagan was considering the appointment of Shad as U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands.

Kincaid said that Broyhill did not mention what his response would be if the position were offered him, but added that Broyhill was "very much interested in staying in public service work."

Broyhill has not been approached officially about any other government positions, said Kevin Brown, administrative assistant to Broyhill.

However, Kincaid said other options will be open to Broyhill in

both North Carolina and Washington. He said that the senator's first decision will be whether to stay in Washington or to return to North Carolina.

Broyhill will probably make a final decision about his plans for the future after Jan. 1, Kincaid said.

Several other SEC chairmen have continued in public service, although most return to private practice. William J. Casey, who was appointed to the SEC by Richard Nixon, now heads the Central Intelligence Agency.

N.C. legislature spots key to Lt. Gov. race

By SHARON KEBSCHULL
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Party leaders in the N.C. General Assembly are preparing for the 1988 lieutenant governor elections, as they line up assignments for the 1987 session.

The current lieutenant governor, Democrat Bob Jordan, is expected to run for governor.

State Sens. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, and Harold Hardison, D-Lenoir, are among the senators expected to run for lieutenant governor, along with Rep. Billy Watkins, D-Granville.

"I can confirm that I'm probably

going to run," Rand said. "It's very early to make any type of announcement, but I've certainly been thinking about it."

Hardison has confirmed that he would run, but Watkins could not be reached for comment.

Rand is expected to become Senate majority leader in the next session, replacing Sen. Kenneth Royall, D-Durham, who is returning to the Senate but has declined to run for majority leader again. Senate Democrats will vote for majority leader on Dec. 5.

Watkins is chairman of the House

Appropriations Committee. He is expected to keep this post, although he may be moved because of his efforts to include a large pay raise in the budget for former legislator Margaret "Pinky" Hayden, now a Department of Public Instruction official.

For the Republicans, Sen. Bill Redman of Iredell and Rep. Betsy Cochran of Davie are expected to run for lieutenant governor. Both are expected to run for re-election for minority leader positions.

Rand said the issues important to the next session include a basic

education plan and compensation for educators.

"Many of us feel that the foundation has to be education and economic growth," he said.

Hardison, who was on the Commerce Committee in 1985, said he hasn't considered committee positions for the next session. The issue he is concerned with for 1987 is liability insurance for doctors. He is concerned especially about the inability of rural doctors to afford the insurance, forcing patients to travel to find a doctor who will treat them, he said.

With N-plant finished, CP&L to ask for rate hike

By TOBY MOORE
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The Carolina Power & Light Co. has advised the N.C. Utilities Commission that it will seek a rate increase totaling \$170 million, in part to offset construction costs of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

CP&L filed a notice Tuesday with the commission that it will request the first part of the rate increase in

no sooner than 30 days. If approved, the rate increase will probably take effect in mid-summer of next year.

Wayne Ennis, spokesman for CP&L, said the rate increase is necessary to pay construction costs of the Harris facility near Raleigh.

"The costs of the plant were reasonable," Ennis said, "and we feel that our rate increase request is also reasonable."

Although plans for the increase

are not finished, Ennis said the amount of the increase would probably be between 12 percent and 14 percent.

The company will request the proposed increase in two stages, with the second part to be proposed next summer. Together, the rate increases are expected to raise about \$170 million annually.

Ennis said that the company would probably file the first formal request for a rate increase in mid-December. The company hopes that this increase will be approved by next summer, he said.

"The North Carolina filing procedure usually takes about seven months," he said. "They'll hold the usual public hearings, giving all the interested parties ample opportunity to have an input."

Ennis said that the company is confident the request will be approved.

"The plant is obviously needed," he said, "and we feel that the increase is needed to pay for it."

Ennis said an audit being conducted by the N.C. Utility Commission's Public Staff, who represent customers, will greatly influence the commission's final decision.

The audit, examining the costs of the Shearon Harris plant, began two weeks ago, said Dennis Nightingale of the Public Staff's electrical division.

"We're basically trying to find out the approximate cost of the construction and whether these costs are reasonable or not," Nightingale said.

The Public Staff has hired two accounting firms, one from Canada and one from Tallahassee, Fla., to conduct the audit.

Nightingale said the audit will take from six to eight months to complete.

In wake of attempted coup, Aquino clears out cabinet

From Associated Press reports

MANILA, Philippines — President Corazon Aquino fired her entire cabinet, including controversial Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, after the army foiled a coup attempt Sunday by dissident officers and political foes.

Aquino credited army chief of staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos with taking "preventative measures against the recklessness of some elements in the military."

She warned that "sterner measures" would be taken if anyone tried to undermine her nine-month-old government.

The president also accused the communist rebels, who have waged a 17-year insurgency, of showing no interest in peace.

Workers return to plant

OKOMO, Ind. — Workers began returning to a key parts plant Sunday after a strike that forced layoffs of more than 47,000 General Motors Corp. workers nationwide, but GM officials could not say when the layoffs

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would end.

The six-day strike at the Delco Electronics plant triggered layoffs in eight states and threatened to shut down the nation's No. 1 automaker, as the supply of radios and electronic parts for all GM cars was exhausted.

Scientists study boring topic

NEW YORK — Researchers, including three from Wake Forest University, are studying an acute social disease whose victims at one time or another afflict almost everyone around them: bores.

The scientists are looking at why some are people boring, in what ways they can be boring and just how boring they can get.

Among other things, their studies suggest that to those who have to listen to them, people who complain about themselves and mutter trivialities are worse than people who overuse slang or try too hard to be nice.

Dole: Protect president or go

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leader Bob Dole rebuked Secretary of State George Shultz on Sunday for "not doing anything" to support President Reagan in the Iran arms controversy, and suggested that Reagan act quickly to "remove some of the problem."

Dole did not mention any administration officials by name when he said the president should move to "cut our losses," as the Iran issue continued to consume the administration and reports circulated that top advisers were calling for the ouster of Shultz, White House Chief of Staff Don Regan and National Security Adviser John Poindexter.

Dole, after praising Shultz's past performance, added, "But I think right now they ought to circle the wagons: Either that, or let a couple of the wagons go over the cliff."

"I think the president was well-intentioned, well-motivated," in his decision to send arms to Iran, Dole said in an interview on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation." "The next step

is, I think, to remove some of the problem."

With his comments Sunday, Dole (R-Kan.) added his voice to others calling for presidential action to restore administration unity as details continued to emerge about the Iran operation.

Reagan, returning Sunday from his weekend retreat at Camp David, Md., ignored reporters' shouted questions as he emerged from his helicopter and entered the White House.

White House spokesman Roman Papaduk said he had no information on reports in The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times that a group of presidential advisers was pushing for a high-level shakeup in Reagan's staff.

Dole said Regan told him earlier Sunday he knew nothing about such an effort.

"It's all a little bizarre, frankly," said Dole. "The only person who could put this to rest is the president, and it would seem to me the quicker the better."

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