

Ramsey Criticizes Martin For Sending Questionnaires

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House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey Friday criticized the Republican administration of Gov. James G. Martin for requiring intended pork barrel recipients to fill out questionnaires describing their organizations and their other sources of money.

But a Martin spokesman said that the administration would continue to send out questionnaires in an attempt to determine the constitutionality of the 1,400 local appropriations approved by the General Assembly last month.

The legislature provided that the pork barrel appropriations be distributed by the governor's budget office by Sept. 1. Martin's requirement that the questionnaires be com-

pleted is likely to delay mailing many of the checks until after Sept. 1.

The state Constitution requires that public funds be spent only for public purposes. Legislative Republicans have questioned whether some of the appropriations were constitutional.

This week, Martin had asked state Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg to review each of the 1,400 appropriations for their constitutionality. Thornburg, a Democrat, said Thursday that he would review only those appropriations in which Martin furnished evidence that the payments may be improper. A Martin official said Friday that Martin would comply with Thornburg's request.

In a letter dated Friday and mailed to legislators who were allotted pork barrel funds for projects in their districts, Ramsey wrote, "I am not challenging the governor's authority to require all of these people to fill out a form in order to obtain the appropriation, but I do think that it is totally unnecessary and borders on harassment."

In an interview, Ramsey also said some of the questions were inappropriate and irrelevant, including a question asking about other sources of funds for the organization and another seeking the names of members of boards of directors.

In his letter to legislators, Ramsey included comments from Gerry F. Cohen, director of legislative drafting. Of the request to name other possible funding sources, Cohen wrote: "I do not see any possible relevance for this question. What

does it matter who else has given money to an organization?"

Of the request for a list of the board of directors, Cohen said: "I do not see what possible relevance this could have in determining public purpose. This is not public information. This question could have a chilling effect on some organizations."

Martin officials defended the questionnaire.

"Nobody is trying to harass anyone," said Tim R. Pittman, Martin's press secretary. "The primary concern is just to make sure this money is spent for the public good."

Marvin K. Dorman Jr., deputy state budget officer, said the question inquiring about other sources of money was needed to protect against a group hoarding state money from one year, then using it the next year to meet a legislative requirement that it have matching funds to receive

an appropriation.

The question asking for a list of the board of directors also was needed, Dorman said. "We feel it's important to know the makeup of an organization," he said. "All of us felt it was important to have on the questionnaire."

The head of one group that received an appropriation said the questionnaire was unneeded and would waste time in his office and Martin's. "We contract with at least two departments in the state, and are certified and licensed by the state," said J. Stephen Ramsey, executive director of the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, a private, non-profit center in Raleigh for mentally handicapped people that received \$38,000 in pork barrel funds.

The state already has information requested on the questionnaire, Ramsey said. He said he now had to

research the center's statutory authority, send in promotional materials and provide a letter of tax-exempt status from the state Department of Revenue, all of which the questionnaire requires.

"I'm going to end up spending probably two days...putting together the information," he said.

Pittman said Martin would comply with Thornburg's request that Martin provide evidence that an appropriation was unconstitutional before he asked Thornburg to review it. "We don't look at that as a rejection," Pittman said. "I think there has been a misinterpretation of what the (Martin) letter meant."

Martin's letter to Thornburg said: "I will appreciate it if you will advise me the name of each entity to whom a (check) should be sent...and whether, in your opinion, the entity is lawfully entitled to the appropriation."



MADISON COUNTY TEACHERS MELANIE BLANKENSHIP, left, and BETTY JANE RAMSEY were among 25 WNC teachers who completed the four-week Summer Institute of the Mountain Area Writing Project at Western Carolina University recently. Shown with the two local teachers is James Nicholl, chairman of the WCU English department. Blankenship is a teacher at Marshall Elementary School and Ramsey teaches at Laurel Elementary.

Mars Hill College Receives \$8,000 Grant

Mars Hill College has received \$8,000 from the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation of Durham to fund a library and resource center for the college's musical theatre degree program.

The school's Division of Fine Arts is only one of a dozen in the nation that awards a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Musical Theatre. Mars Hill's program was begun in the late 1970's and awarded its first diplomas in 1983.

The grant will be used to establish a center for containing electronic equipment such as record players, tape decks, a video cassette

recorder, and a television monitor as well as source material such as records, tapes, musical scores, and cast recordings. A portion of the grant will be used to renovate space in the Theatre Arts office to house the center.

The foundation was begun in 1956 by Mrs. Biddle to aid worthwhile projects in N. C., New York City, and Duke University in the areas of higher and secondary education, cultural programs, projects in the arts, and health and rehabilitation proposals.

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