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North Carolina's Governor Jim Hunt could increase North Carolina's share of federal monies for road construction by about \$18 million if he were to designate the major portion of federal monies to the Southeastern North Carolina highway connector route I-40. To put the money into "our highway" is, in my opinion, the sensible thing to do. However, it seems Jim Hunt and I disagree again. He thinks the money should be spread around the state on different and numerous roads. Jim Hunt believes it is better politics to do this. I believe it is financially wise to put the money on 1-40. It really upsets me to hear the spread-it-around idea. Where the heck has this idea been all along? We in southeastern North Carolina have been left out time and time again on the spread-it-around road monies. . . The meanest of the ideas is the longer I-40 is set aside or incomplete, the greater Myrtle Beach. South Carolina, grows on North Carolina money. . . From the most populated areas of North Carolina, super highways lead the residents and investments to South Carolina coastal areas. The Highway I-40 would eventually turn those folks and money back into North Carolina. . . Quite frankly. I think it is time we consider very carefully who we, in Southeastern North Carolina, vote for, and vote only for those candidates who support a quickening of the completion of 1-40 - even if it means crossing party lines.

During the weekend I talked with Representative Wendell Murphy, and he says he supports the idea. ..By the way, this idea of obtaining more federal money by designating more of it to 1-40 was conceived, I believe, in Wilmington. The idea was not mine, but I like it. ..I also talked with Senator Harold Hardison, He, too, says it is time we got our fair share of the roads money. Senator Hardison says we have not received our fair share for the past three to five years, and he knows who gets what. ... Governor Jim Hunt is the key at this time to turning the money into the Wilmington to Raleigh Highway I-40. It appears he wants to use the leverage of the money to fight Senator Jesse Helms in a bid for the Senate. ... His concern for the Cape Fear River counties appears to be nil. It seems we once again will be taken for granted when it comes to the way we vote. All that is needed in Southeastern North Carolina. "Why, just go by and pat them on the head once or twice every four years, and they will stay in line." Oh, year!...."Spend your money where it will get votes."...Well, I-40 gets Joe Lanier's vote...

In case you haven't noticed. Cass Ballenger has a bill before the Legislature to do away with secret meetings in North Carolina. If passed, it will end the behind-door meetings and everything will be out in the open for the public to see and hear. . . It is an idea whose time has come. It is an idea that the state of Florida adonted several years ago. It is an idea I really like. I simply think when state, county or town employees are talked about, it should be open to the folks who pay the wages. I fully believe the employees will benefit from the law, if it is passed...You see, the employee never knows when he or she is the topic of conversation when it happens behind closed doors. They are not aware of the fact that because of the way they might have voted, or the fact that some relative is having an affair with someone, or that another relative is unemployed and needs a job. . . They are not aware of how these things might affect their job. . . If it were all in the open, these subjects would not come up. . . Whether or not you support the idea may be because you do have or do not have political pull. . .

By some quirk of fate. I got puiled into a conversation on ERA last week. Some of these folks are way out. . . First off, let me say I believe in equal pay for equal jobs. . .I think job performance should determine the pay - not if the person is a male or female or dependent on their color. I think a person should be allowed to work in any job he or she can do. I don't think an employer should be made to train someone to do a job just because that person thinks they would like to do that job. . . Now, this bunch of ERA supporters said, "Do away with Mother's Day. Do away with Father's Day. Do away with Valentine's Day. They are all sexist days." ... They struck a blow too low for me I told them they should burn their bras, have sex change operations, and move to California. I just discovered I was too traditional and too old to change - that my upbringing says I should respect and honor my parents, and my heart-feelings say I should do the same for my sweetheart. Donna, and I am not saying there is just one day a year to do this. . .But I think it is nice to have a national day set aside. . . Son-of-a-Gun. .



SEABOARD SALAD

1 quart inixed salad greens 1 pound fish fillets, cooked and flaked 1/2 pound shrimp, cleaned and cooked 2 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges 1/2 cup pitted ripe olives 2/3 cup Wish-Bone Sour Cream & Italian Herbs Dressing

In salad bowl, arrange all ingredients except sour cream and Italian herbs dressing; chill. Just before serving, toss with dressing. Makes about 4 servings.

