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Editorial Comment

by Eddie Woodhouse
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The people of NC have re-elected Senator Jesse Helms to another term. They are to be commended. Helms has long been a spokesman of the new conservative trend that has hit this nation. Senator Helms has established himself as a person who will stand up for the battered free enterprise system, and not let our country fall to socialism.

Helm's character cannot be knocked. His honesty, his willingness to work (95% voting record), and his moral values which come from his religious convictions, all contribute in making Helms a great voice for the people. So, it was a big plus for the country to see 615,000 North Carolinians make a wise choice.

However, as expected, some sincerely feel the election had flaws. Betty McCain, chairperson of the North Carolina Democratic Party seems to feel that the election was swayed, not because of the differing philosophies of the candidates, but because of the great sum of money the Helms campaign raised. Some Ingram aides have claimed the election was bought. I can't agree. Granted, the seven million dollars the Helms cause gathered enabled them to get the exposure they wanted, and the \$300,000 that Ingram raised is fractional to that of Helms. Yet Ingram was not "fighting terrific odds" as he stated in his concession speech, and money (or his lack of it) wasn't responsible for his defeat. Ingram should have only been helped by several visits by President Carter, and continual endorsement by Gov. Jim Hunt (who appears to be one of the most popular governors in the state's history). The White House even lobbied hard for a Helms defeat. Ingram only hurt himself by a constant verbal pounding of Helms' treasury and in his words, Helms' vote "against the people." Voters became tired of the same speech over and over. This was only a small reason why Ingram lost. North Carolinians were more satisfied with Senator Helms' opposition to wasteful government spending. Helms was certainly correct in saying people aren't going to turn to Washington for solutions to their problems; Washington *is* the problem. With this in mind, the voters realized that sending Ingram to Washington would be like sending a blank check with him.

In a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 3 to 1, Helms obviously pulled votes from people who weren't afraid to jump party lines. Helms pulled 65 counties including Randolph county, the home of Ingram. Helms was even endorsed by two powerhouse newspapers, "The Charlotte News" and "The Winston-Salem Sentinel."

I wish only the best for John Ingram and hope he will serve the people well as Insurance Commissioner.

As a southerner, we can be proud that we have a man who has our best interest at heart. I hope that at least for another six years, Senator Jesse Helms will continue to vote against unnecessary spending.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING ... by phil frank



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