

FOR MUCH OF THE LAST FORTY YEARS, ever since America "fixed" its race problem in the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts, we white people have been impatient with African Americans who continued to blame race for their difficulties. Often we have heard whites ask, "When are African Americans finally going to get over it?

Now I want to ask:

## Seniority Becomes A Serious Matter for NC Black Lawmakers

## Seniority Matters

With the election season in full bloom NC Black lawmakers are urging voters to pay close attention to experience and seniority as key factors to consider in this year's State House elections.

In Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, the experience factor favors Reps. Earlene Parmon and Larry Womble. In Greensboro and Guildford County, the two pivotal
figures are Reps. Earl Jones and Alma Adams.

Collectively, this fearless foursome brings half a century's worth of State House experience to Raleigh this election season.

## "Experience and seniority are

 very important matters", says Rep. Earl Jones, a veteran lawmaker who represents moving to the House. In the peckingorder of power and influence, incumbent Alma Adams is firmly entrenched at the head table. She serves as Chair of the powerful and influential House Appropriations Committee.

This position is, in effect, where the rubber meets the road, where they divvy up the dollars. It is the ultimate center of real political and economic power. This is the place where some 16 members of the House and Senate will decide who gets what and how much.

And Alma Adams could very well have the last word on who gets what and how much.
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