Roundup: Budget Cuts

RALEIGH-How to cut \$200million out of the base budget? That, along with many less compelling one, is the question. Then there is the matter of finding funds to bail out the Department of Transportation, which, every day, issues a new pessimistic statement about projects which will be essarily cancelled or, at best, delayed if more money is

All of these proposed projects, of course, concern some group of citizens. And, what about Governor James B. Hunt's \$24 million Micro Electronic research project? What to do public education, everyone's pet? Reducing class load, as proposed in the budget, would add at least 800 to the state payroll and \$39 million to the budget...How about saving the dropouts? Will taxpayers go for a \$600 million bond issue

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about teachers; and other state employees'; salary raise? Can state afford the mushrooming medicaid costs? What to do?

This is just a brief summary of some of the problems facing the 170 members of the 1981 General Assembly. The responsibility weighs heavily on these men and women.

The House of Representatives is up to full compliment this week with the return to his place on the floor of Rep. Ron Taylor of Bladen, who missed the oath-taking ceremonies January 14 due to surgery. He was administered the oath Monday evening by Speaker Liston Ramsey, who explained that he was authorized to do the honors. Immediately Taylor was made chairman of the influencial Committee on Utilities. Also that same evening, the speaker introduced

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to the members Rep. George Brannon of Johnston County who has been named to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rep. Jack Gardner only a few hours after he was administered the oath. Committees have all been named and assigned meeting rooms and schedules. They are now meeting regularly and few bills are already being reported out for action by the full

membership. However, some of the freshmen are still a bit confused with the workings of the deliberative body as well as the maze of corridors and the various committee rooms. It is no wonder. It happened as the Committee on Transportation was hearing some reports from Secretary Tom Bradshaw in one of the large committee rooms with doors opening at each end. One of the new members, running a bit late, rushed into the room and looked around.

'Is this Wildlife, he asked and was told that it was the Committee on Transportation. He withdrew and was gone for sometime when the opposite door opened and the same legislator came into the committee room. He looked around and failed to recognize that he had seen that group of colleagues before"

"Is this Wildlife?" he asked again informed that he was in the room where the Transportation committee was in session.

The gentlemean looked puzzled and went on his way...searching for Wildlife. And then later in the day during the regular session of the House, Rep. Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., serving his first term as representative from Wake, arose on a point of personal privilege.

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on a point of personal pleasure," he began. The speaker recognized the Gentleman from Wake who proceeded to thank Secretary of State Thad Eure for his legislative school for freshmen legislators which has been underway daily since the

The gentleman probably earned a passing grade.

Rep. Tom Hunter of Richmond informed his colleagues Monday evening that he had become a grandfather over the weekend. "All of my three girls turned out to be boys but middle one and his his lovely wife have provided me and my wife a beautiful granddaughter," he announced after gaining recognition from the chair. "It is good to have some sugar and spice and everything nice in the family after so much snaps and snails and puppy dog tails. I am sure Elizabeth Dockery Hunter of Winston-Salem will be Miss America of 1999. I can assure you that mother and daughter are doing well but the prognosis for grandfather and father is not good, he concluded. Speaker Ramsey then named the infant an honorary page which has long been the practice and these appointments are entered in the House Journal. -0-

It is beginning to look like Rep. Marie Colton of Buncombe is bucking for the title of House Poet Laureate formerly held by Sen. Henry Frye, who served several terms in the House before seeking and winning a seat in the upper chamber. Thursday afternoon, on a point of personal privilege, the Lady from Buncombe read a poem she had written" with apologies to Henry Frye' cleverly working in the names of a number of the members in the House of Representatives and was roundly applauded for her

This is not a gossip column and we are not the first to report it, but Rep. Mary N. Pegg of Forsyth, on of the Legislature's staunchest profamily advocates, is separating from her husband of 22 years. The Lady from Forsyth told the local newspaper she and Jabez Gilbert Pegg had filed a separation agreement. The two were married June 28, 1958, and

are the parents of three Continued On Page 4-B



Chowan County Extension Homemakers are pictured here at a work session held recently in the County Office Building. Left to right, from front foreground are: Mrs. Connie Sherrill, home economics extension agent; Mrs. Shirley Swain, Mrs. Eula Jordan, Mrs. Ella Foxwell, Mrs. Johnnie

WORK SESSION - Chairmen of the various work areas of S. Bass, Mrs. Jean Roberts, Mrs. Theresa Ford, home economics extension agent; Mrs. Mary Julia Parrish. council president; Mrs. Fran Ward, home economics extension agent; Mrs. Sue Parrish, Mrs. Vivian Jordan, Mrs. Gladys White, Mrs. Norma Stearns and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Parrish. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Club Sets '81 Projects

Homemaker County ducted the meeting. Program of Work Committee chairmen met January 27 to make plans for special emphasis in 1981.

Projects selected were citizenship and community outreach which will emphasize participation in the Prevention Program and public relations with special emphasis during National Extension Homemaker Club Week in May.

Mrs. Mary Julia Parrish,

Chowan County Extension council president, con-Assisting were Mrs. Fran Ward, Mrs. Theresa Ford. and Mrs. Connie Sherrill. extension home economics agents in Chowan County. Among chairmen at-

tending were:

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Community Crime Parrish, county safety and emergency procedures; Mrs. Norma Stearns, cultural arts, textiles and clothing; Mrs. Gladys White, housing, energy and Continued On Page 4-B

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