



WGIV EXECUTIVE JIM BLACK
...With Mrs. Sara Funderburk

Against Insurance Rate Increases

Black Legislators Vote With John Ingram

All six black North Carolina legislators ended up voting with North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram and the consumers of the state last week as the North Carolina General Assembly passed a bill that would mean unlimited increases in some insurance rates and hikes of up to twelve percent in automobile liability rates over the next two years.

The bill was strongly supported by the insurance industry, and some accuse the insurance industry of being the author of the bill.

The bill was bitterly opposed by state Insurance Commissioner John Ingram, who campaigned for re-election last year on a pledge to hold down insurance rates.

As the bill reached its final vote for concurrence for a Senate House conferees committee, Representatives Mickey Michaux of Durham County, J.J. Johnson of Roberson County, Henry Frye of Guil-



Fred Alexander
...State senator
...not speak out against the bill."

Hunt had said repeatedly that he wanted the General Assembly to resolve the issue, and evaded reporters questions about why he did not take a stand.

Ingram charged yesterday, "This bill would not have passed without the votes of lawyers who represented insurance companies, agents and, if Governor Jim Hunt had

spoken out against the bill."

Ingram told reporters, "The insurance industry started out to get John Ingram, but they have hurt the people of North Carolina."

The bill passed the House two weeks ago and the Senate last week. House opponents succeeded in delaying consideration of conflicting Senate amendments until last Wednesday.

Even as the bill was being approved, there were reports that the automobile insurance industry, operating in North Carolina -- claiming its companies were losing money -- was preparing to seek an immediate rate increase of sixteen percent before the new law goes into effect.

The larger requests need Insurance Commissioner John Ingram's approval and it isn't considered likely he will approve it.

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Alternatives To Abortion

Alternatives to abortion will be discussed by Jean Garton and NBC News Correspondent Betty Rollin in "The Alternatives," on the NBC Television Network Sunday, July 17.

Mrs. Garton, chairperson of the Task Force on Women for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, was appointed by the New Jersey State Senate to serve on a committee to investigate abortion clinic abuses.

The discussion will deal with the realities of the alternatives to abortion -- do alternatives exist or are they wishful thinking? -- as well as with abortion as it relates to teenage pregnancy and its consequences, abortion as it relates to the poor, and the new United States Supreme Court ruling limiting Medicaid money for abortions.

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Jim Black Is Elks'

Anniversary Speaker

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

The Emma V. Kelly Council of the Improved Menvolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, held its anniversary celebration recently at the John Yancy Motor Hotel on Interstate 85. The council consists of the past daughter rulers council of the Pisgah and the Isabelle F. Hyder Temples.

Mrs. Sarah A. Funderburk, past granddaughter ruler and a member of the Pisgah Temple, was chairman of the annual celebration, and Olivia Walker, past granddaughter ruler and a member of the Isabelle F. Hyder Temple was co-chairman.

William Covington
To Head New NCNB Region Offices

William C. Covington Jr., a senior vice president of North Carolina National Bank, has been appointed to head a new Western-Central Region of NCNB offices in North Carolina.

In his new role, Covington has responsibility for 46 branches of the bank in Monroe, Salisbury, Statesville, Tryon, Boone, Banner Elk, Hickory, Lenoir, Marion, Morganton, North Wilkesboro, Spruce Pine, High Point, Burlington, Eden, Mount Airy, Reidsville and Thomasville.

Covington, formerly NCNB property development executive, will continue to be based in Charlotte.

Jimmy Buffett
Added To July Entertainment

Songwriter and singer Jimmy Buffett has been added to the July entertainment schedule at Carowinds with two concerts on Saturday, July 23.

According to Carowinds officials, the concerts will be held at 3 and 8 p.m. in the 10,000-seat outdoor Paladium amphitheater.

Buffett albums include "A White Sports Coat And A Pink Crustacean," "Living and Dying in 3-4 Time," "A 1 A," "Kick It In Second Wind" and his latest album, "Changes In Latitudes, Changes In Attitudes."

Hit singles off these five albums include "Come Monday," "Pencil Thin Mustache," and Buffett's current hit, "Margaritaville."

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