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## Fair Housing Bill Scuttled

By David L. Perlman  
Special To The Post  
An end-of-the-season filibuster killed a labor-supported bill to put effective enforcement machinery into the Fair Housing Act -- the 12-year-old law that prohibits discrimination in most home sales and apartment rentals.

Supporters of the bill had agreed to a number of changes in the House-passed bill in a futile effort to obtain the 60 votes needed under Senate rules to limit debate. But they refused to gut the bill entirely, and the 54-43 vote was insufficient to invoke cloture.

The filibuster against the bill was led by two Republican conservatives, Jesse Helms (N.C.) and Orrin G. Hatch (Utah). But many moderate Republicans acquiesced in killing the bill, and only nine Republicans joined 45 Democrats in voting for cloture.

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd (W.Va.) warned before the vote that failure to invoke cloture would mean that "it will be many years until a truly decent fair housing bill can be enacted."

Republican Leader Howard H. Baker, Jr. (Tenn.), who will be majority leader in the next Congress, voted against cloture but promised to try to get fair housing legislation through the Senate early in the next session -- "a good bill, not just a bill in name only."

But 12 senators who voted for cloture will not be returning in January, and most will be replaced with conservatives.

Earlier, the Senate had stopped a filibuster on the routine motion to call up the bill and there were intensive negotiations on a compromise. But the negotiations foundered when conservatives insisted that a finding of illegal discrimination must be based on proof of "intent" to discriminate and not just a factual finding that discrimination did take place.

Eight southern Democrats and three Republicans who had voted for the first cloture switched sides on the showdown.

Under present law, the government can seek court action only against "patterns" of housing discrimination. Individuals who run up against refusals to sell or rent must initiate their own costly and time-consuming lawsuits if the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development cannot resolve a complaint through conciliation.

The House would have used administrative law judges to hear and rule on charges of discrimination. Senate supporters were willing to accept hearings before federal magistrates as a compromise.

After the Senate bill was shut aside, the only "must" legislation blocking adjournment of the 96th Congress was a resolution to continue funding of government agencies and functions that have not been voted appropriations for the fiscal year that began October 1.



ATTRACTIVE CATHEY EDWARDS  
...Aspires to become top model

## Cathey Edwards Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

At 16 Cathey Edwards aspires to become one of America's top models. She has started classes at Bar-bizon Modeling School of Charlotte, thus planting a seed that may some day bloom to radiate fashion run-ways and magazines.

Following her graduation from Independence Senior High School in '82, Ms. Edwards would like to attend University College in Concord and model in her spare time. Eventually the 5'4", 100-pound beauty wishes to partake in a high-fashion modeling career.

Whatever the future holds for our beauty, sincere thoughtfulness of others will prevail. If she is to become a top fashion

model it will not be to the expense of anyone else. "My philosophy is not to do harm to other people - I think this is very important."

Aside from preparing for her career - studying and staying in shape by dancing and swimming - Ms. Edwards spends time playing pool. "A few of my friends taught me to play pool and now I have a habit of playing everyday," she remarked.

Ms. Edwards is the youngest child of Mrs. Cathleen Edwards. With one sister, Teresa Sullivan and three brothers, Jimmy Lee, James and Bernard Edwards, our Taurus beauty feels her family has not spoiled her.

Her favorite person is her mother: "She helps me through a lot. She sits down and talks to me when I need it." For entertainment, Ms. Edwards enjoys "Good Times." "I believe J.J. and the cast know how to play the parts correctly," she explained. "Jimmy Walker is one of my favorite entertainers."

Math, English and Social Studies are among the classes Ms. Edwards thinks are impressive. She is a member of the chorus at Independence and attends the House of Prayer on Beatties Ford Rd.

Even at the age of 16 she realizes that Blacks are not completely free. "All Blacks should have as much freedom as whites - especially when it comes to employment," she insisted.

When it comes to our peppery beauty, success is bound to appear - she has the sharpness and keen will of achievement that make aspirations delightful true to life drama.

## Minimum Wage Jumps To \$3.35 January 1

In light of the forthcoming New Year's Day increase in the federal minimum wage, the state labor department today reminded thousands of workers whose wage rates are covered under the North Carolina Wage and Hour Act of 1979 that there is no scheduled increase in the state minimum wage.

"The North Carolina minimum wage is \$2.90 an hour, and it will not change again until there is further action by the General Assembly," N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks explained.

On January 1, the federal minimum will rise from \$3.10 to \$3.35.

Brooks said that the state minimum applies to all non-exempt employees in establishments having four or more workers and not covered by the federal law. Employers covered by state law are primarily those smaller retail, food service and service industry establishments which gross under \$325,000 annually.

Workers under the state law who are full-time students must be paid at least \$2.60 an hour. "The state sub-minimum for students was a new provision in the 1979 law. It was designed to encourage employment opportunities for young people, particularly by assisting participation in co-operative education programs that provide on-the-job skill training," the commissioner said. Included in the general student category are learners and messengers, paralleling a similar provision in the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

## Robberies Anger Cunningham



## Reagan Against Busing

Reagan Support Civil Rights

Special To The Post  
New York City... Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, voiced cautious optimism after meeting with President-elect Ronald Reagan Thursday at Blair House in the nation's capital.

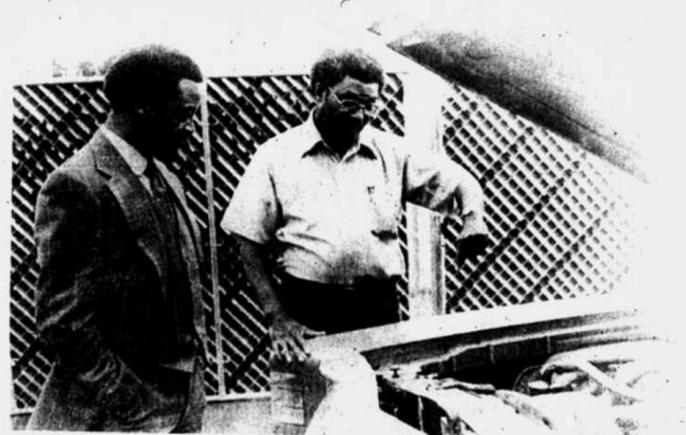
"President-elect Reagan and I did not see eye-to-eye," said the former Federal Communications Commissioner, "but I was glad to hear that the President-elect is committed to guarding the civil rights of all Americans even to the point of enforcement similar to measures taken in the Eisenhower Administration."

Hooks explained that he and the President-elect disagreed on the effectiveness of busing to reach the goal of equal educational opportunities for blacks as well as whites.

Appearing before Reagan in his capacity as chairman of the Black Leadership Forum, Hooks urged: "Job creation to bring more blacks and other minorities into the workforce; increases in the number and size of minority-owned businesses; and reinvigorated commercial activity in predominantly minority communities."

"These are objectives we believe we can achieve together within a general policy of economic renewal, which would concentrate direct and indirect public subsidies on communities in which private economic activity has all but disappeared...and some of us are looking carefully at the 'Enterprise Zone' proposals from this perspective. That policy would especially encourage creation of the small businesses that generate most new private-sector jobs."

"We believe that major roles should be played by neighborhood and community-based groups capable of helping to create jobs, products and services - and of brokering private and public resources from outside the target communities."



Pete Cunningham, left, and Joseph Floyd check rental car and found the battery stolen. The owner of Pete's Barbecue, Cunningham reports several break-ins and numerous batteries have been stolen from his rental car lot on Newland Road, off Beatties Ford and I-85 recently. (Photo by Teresa Burns)

Cunningham Victimized By Break-Ins

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer  
Pete Cunningham, owner of Pete's Bar-B-Cue and Pete's Rent-A-Car, 1915 I-85, North, had just returned to Charlotte last Thursday only to be confronted with the third business-related robbery in less than seven months.

He is definitely tired of the thefts occurring not only to his business, but to area churches, the Excelsior Club, Betsy Bounty Shopping Center, and to various other businesses as well.

"It's time we as Black business people and concerned citizens formed a protective association to offer a cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of a thief," Cunningham projected.

Cunningham also plans to confer with the Charlotte Business League in reference to setting up a \$1,000 cash reward from the treasury - also for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a thief.

Both plans call for a reward format to protect members against thievery. Cunningham has faced problems with theft since he opened his restaurant and rent-a-car service approximately six months ago.

"The first time we had a robbery," Cunningham began, "they stole batteries from all six cars parked in the back."

"The next time," he continued, "someone stole the air conditioner from the building."

Then last Thursday, one or more persons cut the wired fence surrounding the rental cars and stole batteries from two cars. The batteries together were worth approximately \$40. Cunningham believes that a reward system will aid in reducing such criminal acts and capturing the thief.

"I have put up \$200 leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves," Cunningham injected. "You just can't expect too much help from the police."

"Not long after my air conditioner (valued at \$1,500) was stolen," Cunningham revealed, "some guy came by, said he heard I needed an air conditioner, and tried to sell me the one he had. The police questioned him."

Cunningham believes there must be a ring of thieves, and once the police find the nucleus of the band, many thefts around the Beatties Ford area may cease.

"These thieves try to justify robbery by saying they are stealing from the insurance companies and not from Black businesses, Cunningham believes, "But that's not true."

"My business is insured for fire, accident, and food, but few Black-owned businesses, including mine, can afford the insurance premiums for these types of see ROBBERIES on Page 5

## Government Agencies Getting Employment "Act Together"

RALEIGH - Eight state government agencies involved in employment and training in North Carolina are working together to make their programs more effective and responsive to the needs of the citizens.

In response to Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.'s call to upgrade skill training in North Carolina as a major component of his economic development policy, the departments of Public Instruction, Labor, Community Colleges and Natural Resources and Community Development's Division of Employment and Training, the Employment Security Commission (ESC) and the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (SOICC) are working to coordinate their various services into a comprehensive job program.

The local Employment and Training Councils and the Division of Veteran Affairs are a key to the effort.

The goal of the inter-agency effort is to inform citizens, both employers and job seekers, of em-

ployment and training opportunities and how to take advantage of them, and to improve services available. It is hoped that this cooperation will promote ease of access to interested parties into the existing employment and training programs in North Carolina.

Through an interagency coordinating committee spearheaded by ESC, the eight state agencies are developing a statewide public information campaign to inform the public - individuals, employers and government agencies at the state and local level - about the variety of vocational training opportunities existing in this state.

At the same time, local Job Service offices of ESC across the state are coordinating information-sharing and planning sessions between employment and training program representatives and employers.

ESC is actively promoting community college and technical institute programs; coordinating refer-

ral and placement services; providing labor market information; and explaining to individuals, including students, on-the-job training and CETA programs. The community colleges and technical institutes, in turn, are working with ESC to accept student referrals and coordinate the referral of graduates to the local Job Service offices for placement.

The Apprenticeship Division of the Department of Labor is developing apprenticeship and on-the-job training opportunities and the local apprenticeship sponsors are being encouraged to accept applicant referrals for them.

In addition, apprenticeship program sponsors with the potential of five or more apprentices enrolled will advertise for applicants through ESC's Job Service offices. Local CETA operators will attempt to develop and provide subsidized employment and training opportunities and they will accept applicant referrals.

## Page Purchases Elder's Supermarket

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer  
Elder's Supermarket, once destined to become a food co-op in the westside community on October 15 now has a different future.

The grocery outlet was purchased in late November by Wayne Page, owner of the Red and White Supermarket in the Westover Shopping Center and the Piedmont Supermarket in Statesville.

Concerning the co-op, Page said it "never got off the ground. Only a handful of people invested."

Page's purchase was not a sudden move. He and William Elder Sr., the store's former owner, had discussed the possibility of Page buying it six months prior to the actual purchase.

When the co-op venture apparently fell through, Elder called Page and asked him if he still wanted the supermarket, located at 2115 Beatties Ford Road.

Page bought the inventory and equipment for an undisclosed amount and gradually began remodeling.

It is the "only large supermarket in that area on Beatties Ford Road," Page said. He will keep the store open during the remodeling process.

Changes will include eliminating toys from the inventory and concentrating only on food items. The name will also be changed at a later date. Page said he will purchase his merchandise from the A. G. Warehouse, which also supplies PAGE on Page 14

## As An Account Executive

## Dave Parker Joins WSOC-TV

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Can a former musician find contentment in Charlotte selling television ads? Glamour makes television the top of the line in selling for Durham native Dave Parker, who recently joined WSOC-TV's sales staff.

Parker, 33, previously served as an account executive to WEZC-FM in Charlotte.

Although he had studied business administration at A&T State University, Parker first became a musician.

He played piano and organ with local groups "Rudy Moccabee and Four Degrees North" and BCS (Bite, Chew and Spit) performing R&B, top 40 and



Dave Parker  
...Durham native soul selections.

After he married and chose to start a family, Parker turned to a more stationary occupation. He began selling insurance for Bankers Life and Casualty Company after moving to Charlotte in 1974. Parker later switched to promoting radio ads.



Good eye sight is a good thing to have, but WISDOM is a good thing to be SOUGHT.